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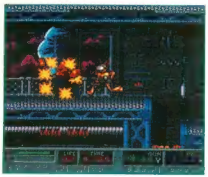

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PLAYER'S PULSE

I like your magazine and have for over three years. The new Star Fox comic is okay, but I think it's too long. Also, I see no ads for joysticks or Nintendo products. My dad and I have been waiting for a review of NES and Super NES controllers. We have been on a relentless search for the ultimate controller and need some information. Please let us know when you might come out with this review or where we can get the information. Thank you!

Steve Geiger
Santa Rosa, CA

Check out our Controller review on page 60 of this issue, Steve.

I'm wondering if there will ever be a sequel to Final Fight. If so, please tell me because I would plan on buying it. Also, what happened to the arcade coverage you used to do? I would like you to start printing more about arcade games.

Jarrod Evans
Jonesboro, AR

Capcom will be releasing Final Fight II in the near future, Jarrod. The most recent "Arcade Update" article appeared in Volume 37. Don't be surprised if you see another very soon!

I bought you might enjoy sharing my granddaughter's delight when opening her Super Nintendo at Christmas. I really caught the moment. For Valentine's Day, I bought her Mario Paint which I am sure she will receive with the same enthusiasm. Thank you so much.

Elvira C. Tee
Hilton Head Island, SC

Jessica Veltri of Pompano Beach, Florida opening her new Super NES!

I am a 51-year-old school teacher at a Sacramento Middle School. About six months ago my nine-year-old daughter called me over to the video screen. She was playing Zelda-A Link to the Past. I said, "Let me try that." She handed me the controls and about 100 hours later I beat the game. It took me 465 lives to win the first time. Kids at my school laughed when I told them how many lives it took me. The next time I beat the game it took me 84 lives. I could see tremendous improvement and I was determined to master the game. I kept playing and got below five lives

and my lowest score is two.

I believe these games really help develop problem-solving skills in kids and I encourage kids to play them as long as their homework is done. My daughter and I are learning to play Mystic Quest and I can't wait until another Zelda is developed.

Robert E. Kelly
Dixon, CA

I recently tried Mario Paint and I must say I am exceedingly impressed. I think a Mario Paint Player's Guide would be wonderful and...a best-seller book!

Brian Wagner
Calgary, AB

Thanks, Brian. We happen to agree! A Mario Paint Player's Guide is currently under production. It will contain information that is similar to the special Mario Paint section that you received in Volume 44, but it will go far beyond that!

We built Ganon's Castle from the Legend of Zelda on our Super Nintendo. Our names are Matt, Mike and Adam. It took us 45 minutes to do this. It also took a lot of work. I think you should try it. It's very fun!

Mike Kammerer
Mt. Clemens, MI

It's about time for school to be letting out for summer vacation. Remember to take along a copy of Nintendo Power when you visit popular vacation sites. We want pictures of you and Nintendo Power on vacation!

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CONTEST WINNER

As winner of last September's Player's Poll Contest, Kelly Koder of Slidell, LA. received a Miracle Piano Teaching System, complete with Super NES, and flew to Hollywood to meet rappers D.J. Jazzy Jeff and The Fresh Prince (Will Smith). She invited her cousin, Mandy Lutz, and mother, Rita, to make the trip to California with her in early December. They not only met Jeff and Will backstage in Will's dressing room, they had front-row seats at a taping of The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air. After the show, everyone went behind the scenes to meet the cast, and Kelly took home an autographed script of that night's episode. The three rounded out the weekend by touring Universal Studios, dining at the Hard Rock Cafe and visiting Disneyland.

Photo opportunity! Mandy, Jeff, Kelly and Will hangin' out. Backstage, of course!

Since hangin' out with celebs was part of the prize, a trip to Universal Studios certainly seemed to be in order.

EDITOR'S CORNER

We oftentimes hear comments and see letters from our readers that bring up the point that other gaming magazines print articles on hot new titles before Nintendo Power does. There have been a few instances when we have been "scooped" by other publications, but it's our goal to time our coverage of a game to coincide with the release date of the game. Being a part of Nintendo, we get to see and play a lot of the games before other publications do. Instead of trying to do a feature review on a game that may not be complete, we'll give the game coverage in our Pak Watch section. It's also our policy to print in-depth information that has been approved for release by the game's publisher. How would it make you feel to see a game hyped on the cover of Nintendo Power, only to find out that there was only a small article with a few screen shots inside?

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B.O.B.™

The year is 2199. The world of robotics has expanded at an exponential rate since the advent of robotic technology in the 20th century. Robots now possess near human abilities. That brings us to the new game from Electronic Arts starring a happy-go-lucky young robot named B.O.B. We've got about 206 years before B.O.B. lives out his adventure. We'll just have to experience it in video game form for now.

Bob's Got a Date

After managing to borrow the family car for his hot date, B.O.B. manages to crash it into a piece of space debris and crash land on a strange asteroid. Uh-oh! He may be late for his date!

BOSS SHOOTIN', EH?

Since it is the future, what robot would be complete without a neat set of weapons and electronic gadgetry to use? B.O.B. is fully programmed and knows how to handle each of the Items he finds. This brings us to the question: Are *you* ready?

WAVE

The Wave is one of B.O.B.'s favorite weapons. It has long range, excellent power and cuts a wide swath when B.O.B. pulls the trigger. It's devastating!

ROCKETS

These little red hummers will seek the closest target that is giving off some sort of heat. However, at times, it's hard to get them to go where you want them to.

PACK A PUNCH

By pressing the A Button, B.O.B. will make a fist and send it flying. It's a good idea to conserve your firepower, so using the fist on lesser enemies is an extremely good idea.

FLAME-THROWER

Very effective against organic enemies, but not so effective against mechanical beings, the Flame-Thrower should be used sparingly or only if you don't have other weapons.

FLASH

The blinding light emitted from this Bulb will allow B.O.B. to sneak by enemies without getting touched. Its power lasts for about eight seconds. Use them if you're out of ammo.

FLOATING BOMB

This Bomb takes a second or two before it explodes, but when it does, it will take out any enemy on screen. It doesn't harm B.O.B., though. His armor has great resistance.

HELICOPTER HAT

B.O.B. will be able to float around for five seconds with the help of the Helicopter Hat. Use one if you need to float up or down to an item, or if you need to avoid enemies.

MORE ITEMS IN B.O.B.'S ARSENAL

B.O.B.'s not done showing off what he's got to offer. Far from it, in fact. Check out some of these most excellent items!

SINGLE-SHOT

This is the weapon that B.O.B. starts off with. It's fairly weak, but is useable.

TRIPLE-SHOT

This Power-Up yields a medium-powered weapon that cuts a rather wide swath.

BOLT

The Bolt weapon is similar to the Single-Shot, but it has much more power.

SHIELD

For a full eight seconds, B.O.B. will enjoy invincibility. Use it only in a crisis.

UMBRELLA

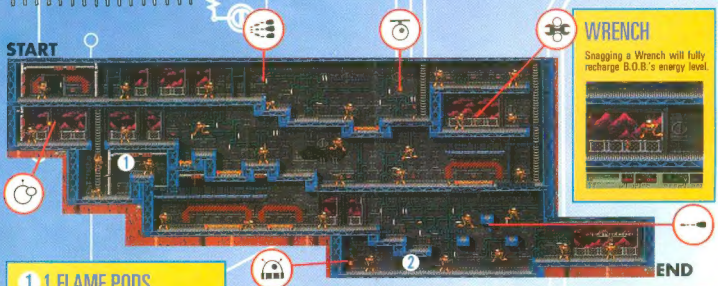
If B.O.B. is falling, using the Umbrella will slow his fall tremendously.

TRAMPOLINE

B.O.B. has limited jumping ability, using the Trampoline helps him reach high places.

STAGE 1 BORG STORAGE BASE

"Man, where am I?" exclaims B.O.B. as he is warped into the Borg Storage Base. It doesn't really matter where he is, he knows he needs to get out!



WRENCH

Snagging a Wrench will fully recharge B.O.B.'s energy level.

1 1 FLAME PODS

Don't fall down through the hole here. You'll get burnt. Crawl slowly down the ladder.

2 CROUCH & SCOOT

Press Down to make B.O.B. crouch. He can now make it through this tight passage to get the Shield Item.

DO A LITTLE DANCE

When B.O.B. reaches and enters a swirling orange teleporter, he'll be able to rejoice because he's reached the end of the stage!

STAGE 2 BUG HOLE

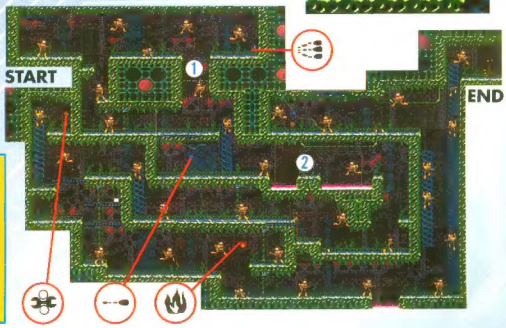
"Get a load of this place!" are the first words out of B.O.B.'s voice activator when he enters the Bug Hole. What creepy creatures will he encounter here?

OFF ENEMIES

Reaching the swirling orange teleporter is B.O.B.'s top priority, but taking out the enemies comes first because they stand in his way!

1 WATCH THE DROP!

If B.O.B. falls too far, he'll suffer and lose some of his energy. Use an Item like the Umbrella to float down slowly.



2 LAVA PITS

B.O.B. doesn't want to take a dip in a lava pit. He can jump over most of them.

BORG OUTPOST

The Borg Outpost, while not oppressively difficult, has more enemies and obstacles to contend with than the previous two stages. Study the map and be sure to pick up all of the Items that are available.

1 PLATFORM RIDE

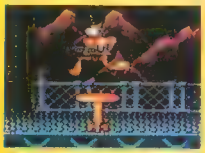
Wait by this electrified pit until a platform comes along. It won't come all the way over to the edge, so you'll have to leap for it.

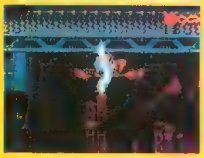
2 HANG OUT

Jump up and grab onto the girder above this electrified section. B.O.B. will set his fast fingers in motion to avoid the danger.

3 HIGH JUMP

In order to get up to the Rocket weapon in this area, position B.O.B. directly underneath it and use one of your Trampolines.





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4 RECHARGE B.O.B.

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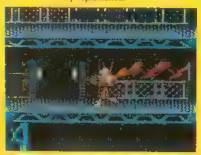
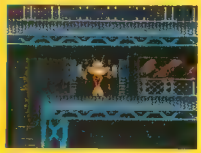


"Excuse me for a second, please."

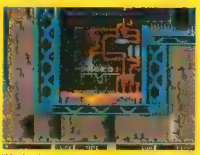


"Ahh, power. Feeling much better now!"

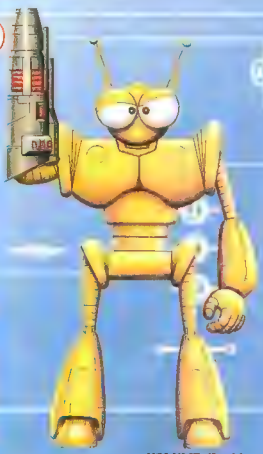
5 IT'S A TRAP

Don't get lured into this area by the lowly Single-Shot weapon. It's a trap. The floor is electrified! Jump far out to the right.

"Cool. I might as well get the Single-Shot."



"Maybe that wasn't such a good idea."



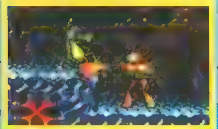
STAGE 4

BUG HILL

Bug Hill is a fairly large stage and it's also where B.O.B. will begin to see a jump in the difficulty level of his quest for transportation. He'll really be sorry that he crashed the family car after this level.

PUNCHING BAGS

The Sprout Monsters make excellent punching bags. You can easily duck under their fire and let 'em have the ol' one two!



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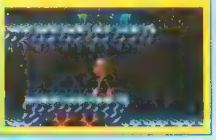
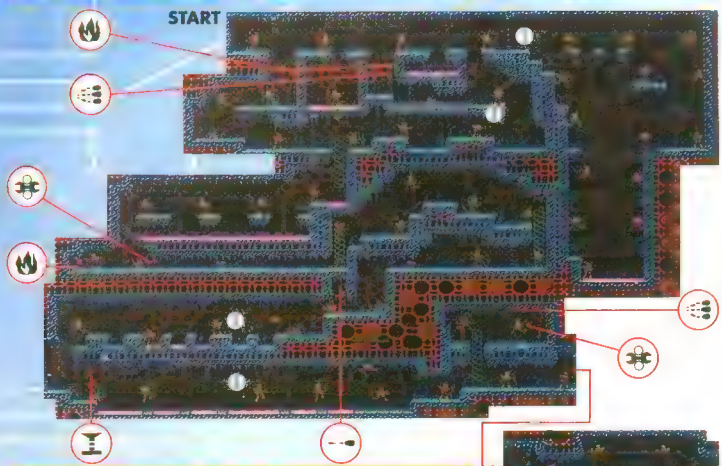


1 WRONG WAY!

There's no reason for B.O.B. to do any exploration in this vast open area. It's a dead end. B.O.B. might run out of time, too!



3 THE TROUBLE WITH FALLING PODS

There are a total of four menacing Red Falling Pods in this area. They have a nasty habit of falling and affixing themselves to B.O.B.'s head.

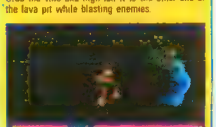
Jump up and shoot the Red Falling Pods from a distance.

Jump to the next ledge and set up for the next Red Falling Pod.

Ugh! B.O.B. gets faced, so to speak. Arrgh!

4 HANG & SHOOT

Grab the vine and high-tail it to the other end of the lava pit while blasting enemies.



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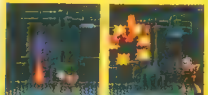
BORG PARTY ROOM

B.O.B.

More so than the previous stages, the Borg Party Room offers B.O.B. a chance to make it to the swirling orange teleporter by taking different routes. Keep in mind that the Borg Party Room is no party. It's difficult!

1 FIRE LAUNCHERS

The fire that shoots out from the Fire Launchers doesn't travel too far. Blast them!

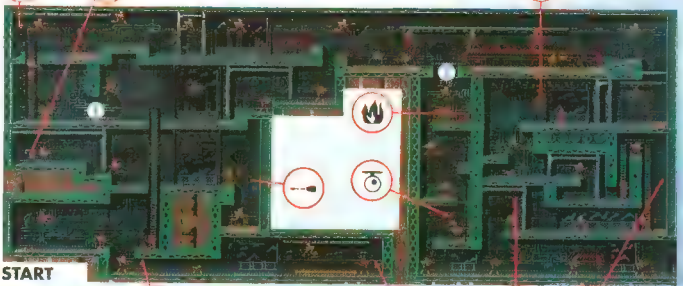


2 ROUTE CHOICE

B.O.B. can choose to take the easy way out by dropping from the girder into this area.

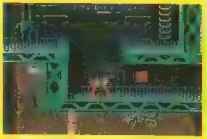
BOLT POWER

If B.O.B. doesn't have the Wave, he should get and use the Bolt weapon. It's good, too!



ROCKET POT

B.O.B. can pick up the Rocket weapon almost immediately after entering the Borg Party Room. Use them on more difficult enemies.



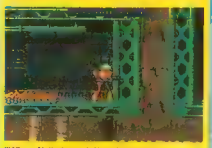
"Oh, yes. The Rockets will be mine."

"Seek and destroy, Mr. Rocket."

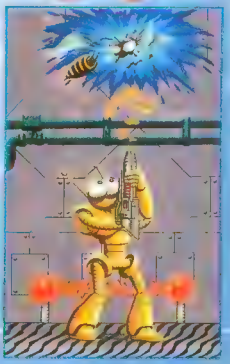
1-UP WITH EASE

After snagging the Rocket, continue on to the right and blow away the Hovering Blaster and Laser Cannon. Waiting for you will be a 1 Up!

BOOM! The Laser Cannon bites the dust.



"Whoa, Nellie! I've 1 Upped myself!"



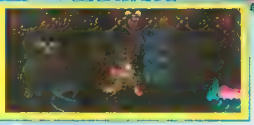
STAGE 4

BUG NEST

With the appropriate amounts and types of firepower, making it through the Bug Nest can be quite easy. However, the opposite is true also. If you don't have quality firepower, you'll probably have a tough time. Stock up!

1 FLYING GNATS

The Flying Gnats aren't too intelligent. They just fly back and forth and if they happen to bump into something, they're happy. It's usually not necessary to shoot them unless there are many in the area ganging up on you

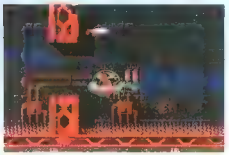


STAGE 7

B.O.B. SLED

Can B.O.B. prove himself worthy as a driver by piloting this sled? He'll have to in order to make it out of this stage.

Stay out of the electrical fields. B.O.B. won't last long if he touches them.

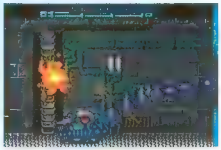


It's a race to the finish, but you should pause long enough to pick up the energy-restoring Wrench.

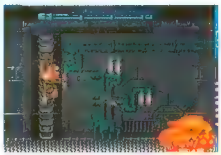
STAGE 9

BORG SNAKE

B.O.B.'s first boss confrontation shouldn't take too long. Pelt the Snake with the Rockets that you just picked up.



Use the ladder in the Snake's pit as a means to avoid the Snake's attack and fire away!



B.O.B. will undoubtedly sustain some damage, but the Snake should take on more.

STAGE 14

SPACEPORT

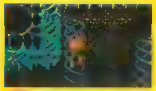
B.O.B. thinks he's made it when he finds another car. Unfortunately, it turns out to be a piece of junk and he crashes onto another asteroid.

Not so fast, loverboy! You've got to find a car and find her first.

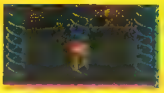
A single piece of space debris is more than enough to do this junker in.

CLIMB AND DROP

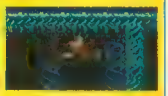
The "ladders" in the Bug Nest's central section can be tackled by climbing one and then jumping to the next.



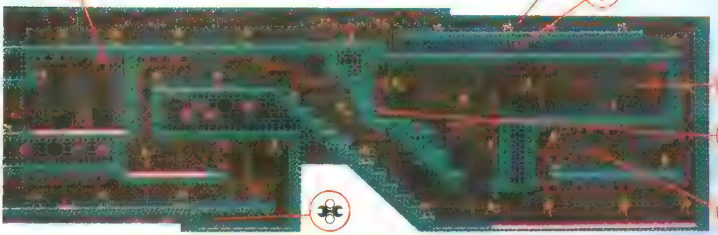
Up the ladder goes B.O.B. All the way to the top.



"Whew! Made it. Gotta make that third ladder. Up I go again."



"He's goin' for the Triple Shot weapon. Yes, he gets it!"

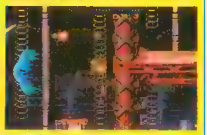


ANCIENA AND ULTRALAND AWAIT!

Well, so far, B.O.B. has been doing alright. The world of Goth wasn't too much trouble for our robotic hero. That surely won't be the case on the worlds of Anciena and Ultraland. You'll have to play the game to believe the stuff that B.O.B. will encounter!

POWER IT UP!

It will be crucial for B.O.B. to use his weapons and items sparingly. He'll need all the firepower he can get. Use your fist to punch!

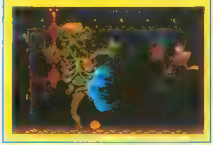


MORE WEIRDNESS

Throughout the remaining stages, B.O.B. will consistently run across enemies that are just as odd looking as he is.

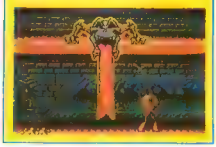
DEATH BOSS

Make sure you have a few Shields when you go up against the Death Boss. Shoot at his decomposing body and then go for the skull!



POPEYE BOSS

Stay out from under the Popeye Boss' tongue because its acidic drool will damage B.O.B.'s golden hull. Pound it with Rockets.



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TAZ-MANIA

According to Taz, the only thing better than a Kiwi in the bag is a Kiwi on toast! Mm, mm, good! In Sunsoft's 3-D road chase, Taz-mania, the voracious Taz has a limited time to collect Kiwis while the She-Devil and others threaten to spoil his lunch.

With 18 stages in five Acts, and bonus rounds between each Act, Taz-mania has a lot of ground to cover. Taz can make it if he fills up on Kiwis and stays out of the clutches of characters like Bullgator and Axl, the She-Devil and a giant pterodactyl. But that's not all that Taz has to worry about. Hazards along the road can squash him, from tourist buses to Didgeri Dingo delivering dynamite! Even the view can turn against you, that is if Wendal T. Wolf leaps on Taz's back and covers the screen with his hands. What Taz has going for him is speed, a great jump, his patented tornado spin and a seemingly inexhaustible supply of food on the hoof and on the wing. The 3-D road-race game view has some ups and downs, too, like hills and holes! Of course, nothing says you have to stay on the road. If Taz sees a tasty morsel in the outback, he can go walk-about. Taz-mania is really a chase against the clock, which means that practice pays off. It may not be as challenging as some games, but the fun factor is fantastic!

The 3-D courses twist and turn over hills and rivers and crossroads.

TAZ'S TECHNIQUES

When you go Kiwi hunting with your bare hands, you've got to know something about Kiwis, Kiwi habitat, and proper Kiwi catching techniques. Taz may be the perfect Kiwi-collector, but most players wouldn't know a Kiwi from a coconut when they start playing. Kiwis are small, yellow, fast and smart. That's the basics. They stop on a dime, suddenly spurt ahead, and dodge with the speed of greased lightning.

CASE THE KIWI

Later in the game, the Kiwis become harder to catch, smarter and more unpredictable. To cover the Kiwi's escape attempt, ease back on the speed and move quickly back and forth while making the grab.

TAZ LIKES BIRDS

Red birds give you extra time and blue birds give you points.

START

A TAZ HEADACHE

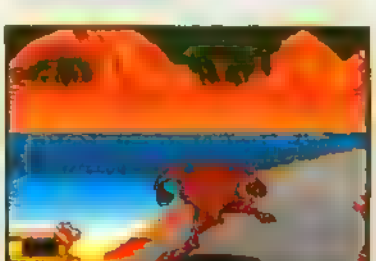
Obstacles that can slow Taz down range from speeding vehicles to lakes and rivers. Small objects beside the road may just damage Taz slightly, but sign posts and trees will flatten him!

DINGO DOWN UNDER

Didgeri Dingo delivers packages to Taz from ACME, the we-sell-everything mail order company. When Didgeri putts up on his scooter, Taz must grab the package. Usually the package contains something good, like a steak, or Spring Shoes that allow Taz to jump like a kangaroo. But not always. Watch out for dynamite and other indigestible objects! Every time Taz is delayed you have less time to catch Kiwis.

UP OVER/ DOWN UNDER

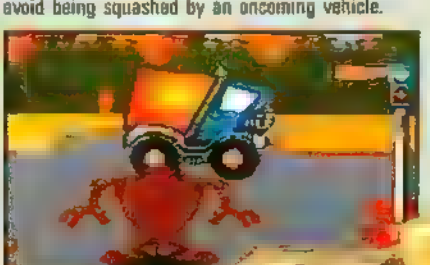
Each of the courses has its own topography. The courses repeat, so you can memorize them and be prepared for upcoming Taz-hazards.



TAZ IN TRAFFIC

Various vehicles speed along the highways of Tasmania at extreme velocities. Tourists in buses and cars, hoping for a glimpse of a rare Tasmanian Devil, may end up with real Taz bumper stickers.

Other vehicles charge out in the middle of intersections. You can dodge around the vehicles or leap over them. If you jump at the top of a hill, you can avoid being squashed by an oncoming vehicle.



HITTING THE ROAD

You're on the road, a Kiwi running free just in front of you. Adrenaline surges through your body! The thrill of the hunt! It's a battle of wits and reflexes, you against an eight ounce bird! Here are a couple of things to keep in mind. Keep the Kiwi in front of you. If you pass a Kiwi and it is no longer shown in the rearview window, keep racing ahead. Grab red birds to increase your time on the course. Salivate at all times!

BONUS STAGES

Catch all the tucker you can in the bonus stages after each Act. Get an extra Continue with 100,000 points.

ACT 1: KIWI GRAB

You have only one minute to gobble as many Kiwis as you can catch.

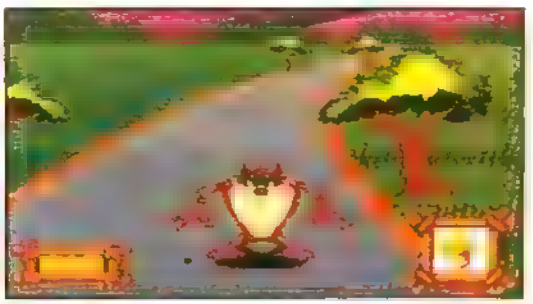
ACT 2: BUSHRAT BRUNCH

Increase your score by thousands of points by catching bushrats by the bunch.

ACT 3: BIRD BATH

Bag a bevy of blue birds for bonus points after completing Act 3.

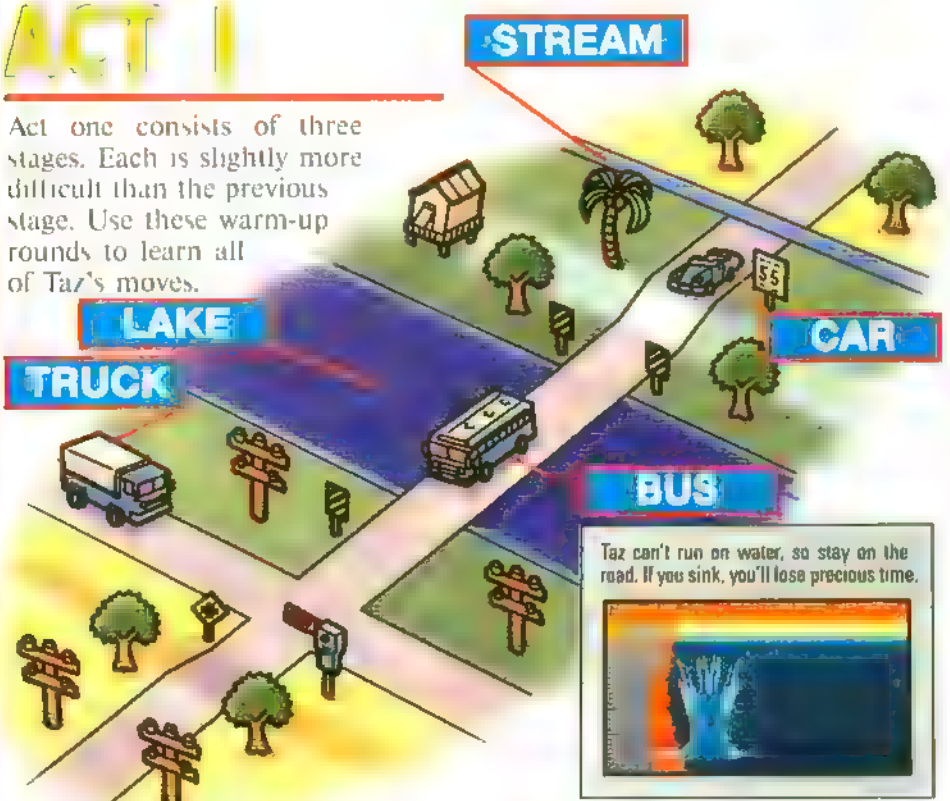
When a Kiwi is at the edge of the road, run alongside it. Then, when Taz is even with the bird, dodge sideways to grab it. This is one of Taz's favorite moves!



From time to time, you may miss your grab, leaving the Kiwi behind. If you see him in the rearview window, stop, let him catch up, then chase him again.

ACT 1

Act one consists of three stages. Each is slightly more difficult than the previous stage. Use these warm-up rounds to learn all of Taz's moves.



Taz can't run on water, so stay on the road. If you sink, you'll lose precious time.

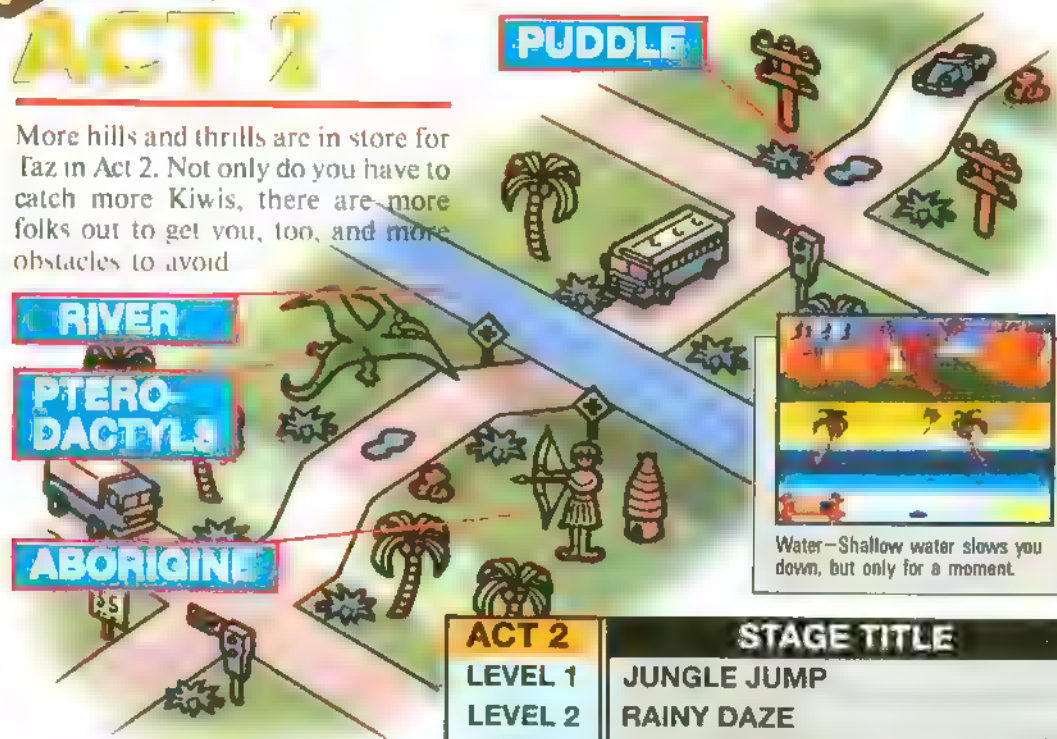
No worries, mate. This stream is only deep enough to wet Taz's toes. Some other streams are too deep to run through.

On flat areas, you'll be able to see most of the vehicles as they approach. As a rule, jump over intersections with stop signs.

ACT 1	STAGE TITLE	KIWI COUNT	TIME
LEVEL 1	MAIN COURSE	3 KIWIS	3 MIN
LEVEL 2	THE OUTBACK	5 KIWIS	3 MIN
LEVEL 3	KIWI CROSS	7 KIWIS	3 MIN

ACT 2

More hills and thrills are in store for Taz in Act 2. Not only do you have to catch more Kiwis, there are more folks out to get you, too, and more obstacles to avoid.



Pterodactyls—When this raptor appears, keep moving left and right as you run.

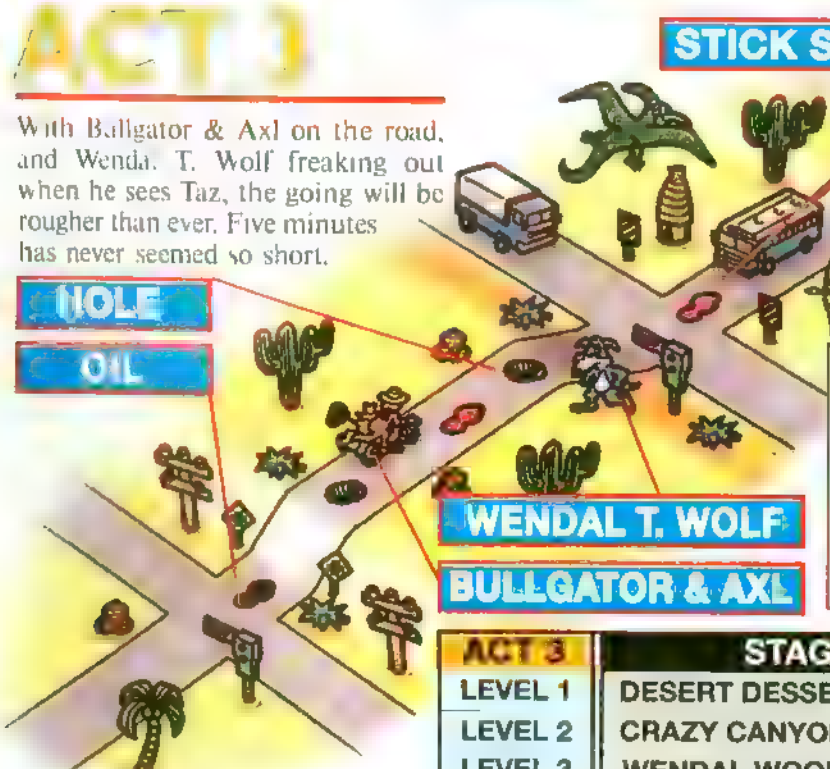
Water—Shallow water slows you down, but only for a moment.

She-Devil—The She-Devil is in love with Taz. If she gets you, you're through.

ACT 2	STAGE TITLE	KIWI COUNT	TIME
LEVEL 1	JUNGLE JUMP	7 KIWIS	4 MIN
LEVEL 2	RAINY DAZE	9 KIWIS	4 MIN
LEVEL 3	JUNGLE NIGHT	11 KIWIS	4 MIN

ACT 3

With Bullgator & Axl on the road, and Wendal T. Wolf freaking out when he sees Taz, the going will be rougher than ever. Five minutes has never seemed so short.



Wendal—Wimpy Wendal can't bear for you to see what's ahead. Shake him off using the Tornado spin.

Bullgator & Axl—When this sidecar sideshow turns up, it means trouble. Tornado spin through them, or Taz may end up in the slammer.

ACT 3	STAGE TITLE	KIWI COUNT	TIME
LEVEL 1	DESERT DESSERT	9 KIWIS	5 MIN
LEVEL 2	CRAZY CANYONS	11 KIWIS	5 MIN
LEVEL 3	WENDAL WOODS	13 KIWIS	5 MIN

ACT 4	STAGE TITLE	KIWI COUNT	TIME
LEVEL 1	MOUNTAIN MAYHEM	11 KIWIS	6 MIN
LEVEL 2	SNOWY RIDGE	13 KIWIS	6 MIN
LEVEL 3	WACKY LAND	15 KIWIS	6 MIN
BONUS	KIWI GRAB 2		1 MIN
ACT 5	**STAGE TITLE**	**KIWI COUNT**	**TIME**
LEVEL 1	INTERSTATE IDIOCY	15 KIWIS	6 MIN
LEVEL 2	LOONY TOON TOWN	17 KIWIS	6 MIN
LEVEL 3	THE ROAD HOME	20 KIWIS	5 MIN

SUPER CASINO

VEGAS STAKES™

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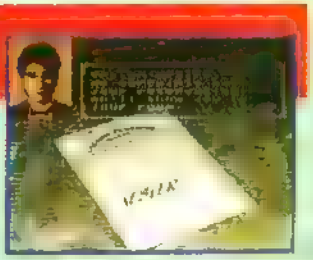
Now you can join the high rollers with two casino simulations for the Super NES! Nintendo's Vegas Stakes takes

THE VEGAS STRIP



Welcome to Las Vegas, home of big spenders, glitzy nightclub acts and thousands of people hoping to get filthy rich. Nintendo's classy casino simulation includes five of the most popular games, a four-player option, Super NES Mouse compatibility and battery backed-up memory to save your winnings!

BREAK THE BANK OR LOSE YOUR SHIRT

The Golden Paradise is your first stop. With one thousand dollars burning a hole in your pocket, you can play the Slots, Seven Card Stud Poker, Black Jack, Craps, or Roulette. For bigger maximum bets, head out to the other casinos!

If you win a bundle, you can spend it all on the dream of a lifetime!

GET THE LOWDOWN

Your four traveling companions can give you good advice, general tips, or nonsense advice. It's up to you to decide which is which. The only advice that makes a real difference, however, is for playing Poker and Blackjack, because these are progressive games that deal in probability. The other games are random and luck is the key.

CLIFF

Cliff gives solid advice at Blackjack. Like all the companions, he will advise you to Raise Call or Fold at Poker according to your hand.

MARIA

Maria plays by instinct when it comes to Blackjack. She gives the same advice as the other companions for Craps and Slot Machines.

ISABELLE

Isabelle is a shrewd card player when it comes to Blackjack. The advice you get can be at any of four levels of computer intelligence.

RICHARD

Take Richard's Blackjack advice with a grain of salt. Keep in mind that specific betting tips for Roulette and Craps seldom payoff

BINO GAMES

the form of an adventure while Super Caesars Palace from Virgin Games proves to be a gambler's mecca.

WHERE TO VISIT IN VEGAS

THE HIDEAWAY

On the wrong side of the tracks you'll find the Hideaway—a dive that should be your last resort. With minimum bets of $1 you can play here all night.

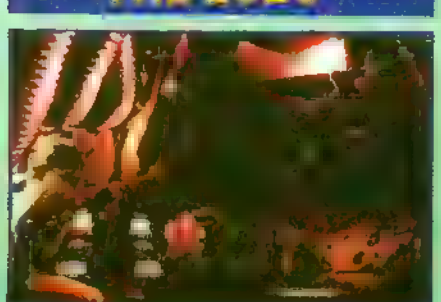
GOLDEN PARADISE

You'll begin your Vegas adventure in paradise—the Golden Paradise—with $1,000. Blackjack bets start at $20 with a maximum limit of $250.

BUFFALO HEAD

The Wild West lives at the Buffalo Head! Bets range from $50 to $500. You can hit a gold strike or a bust faster than you can say stampede!

THE 2020



A minimum bet at the futuristic 2020 runs $100. The maximum bet will put you back $1,000. One hour of gambling here may cost you for years to come.

LAUREL PALACE

The glory and decadence of ancient Rome thrives again at the luxurious Laurel Palace. Here you'll be a high roller with the sky as the limit!

PUT YOUR MONEY DOWN

The steaks may be cheap in Vegas, but the stakes at the gambling tables can cost you everything! Skill helps you win at Blackjack and Poker while Lady Luck makes the throw at Craps, Roulette and on the Slot Machines. Start out at the Golden Paradise or Buffalo Head with your stake of $1,000. Play smart and move on to the 2020.

BLACKJACK

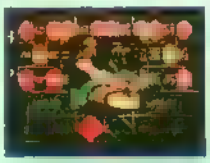
To Stand or to Hit, that is the question. Vegas Stakes uses a one deck shoe and you can Double, Split, or buy Insurance on given hands.

SLOT MACHINES

If you feel lucky, drop between one and five coins in the Slots then pull the lever. View winning combinations in the advice window.

ROULETTE

Place your bets on single numbers, combinations, black or red and then let the wheel spin. Your chance of winning increases as the payoff decreases.

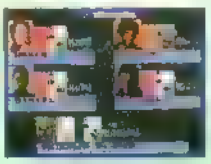


CRAPS

Study the rules of Craps before throwing the die. Not only is the betting complicated, but Craps is also a game of pure random chance.

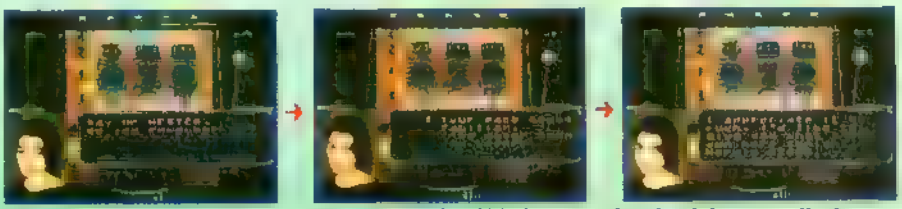
POKER

You can make a fortune quickly playing Seven Card Stud. You don't need a poker face, but you do need to know the odds of getting a winning combination.

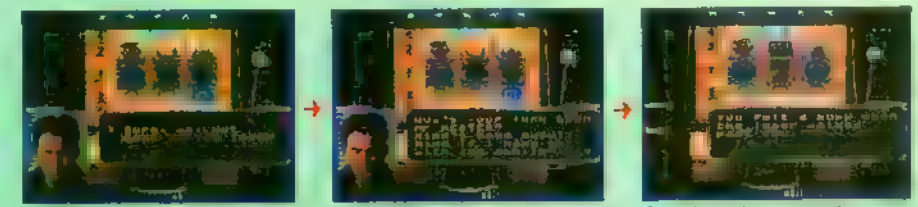


A SUCKER IS BORN EVERY MINUTE

One of the most interesting parts of Vegas Stakes is the adventure element. During the course of your gambling, various characters make propositions to you. Some ask you to buy a lottery ticket or a supposedly valuable item. Others may ask for donations. In some cases, a person simply asks a question. The results of these encounters can take three forms: you gain nothing, you lose a lot of money, you win a lot of money. The results are decided by a random element. Play it safe by being polite but don't give away large amounts of cash.



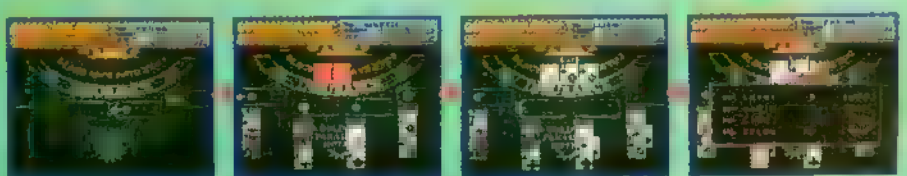
Politeness can pay off, particularly during encounters in which the person doesn't ask for money. You have nothing to lose, so pretend to be the person's friend. Gratitude often takes the form of cash.



Be wary of things that go bump in the night. Pickpockets roam the casinos. Sometimes they approach you under the guise of friendship. In this case, don't get too close.

FUN FOR FOUR

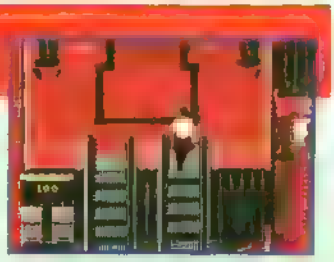
One, two, three or four players can hit the tables in Vegas Stakes' multi-player, alternating action. Poker is the only game that has no multi-player option, because there is no way to hide your cards. Since Vegas Stakes is Super NES Mouse compatible, players can use both a regular Controller and a Mouse.



Blackjack is a great game for up to four players. Everyone has a realistic, at the table view. In fact, the feeling is about as close to playing in a real casino as you can get!

Super Caesars Palace

GLITZ & GLAMOUR



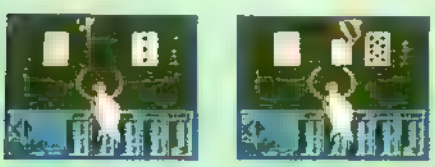
Super Caesars Palace from Virgin Games takes you through the doors of the world's most famous casino, Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas. Although nothing compares to the flash of the real thing, Super Caesars lets one player roam the floor and try eight different games of chance.

EIGHT WAYS TO WIN

Super Caesars Palace offers Horse Racing, Keno, Red Dog and Video Poker—games that you won't find in Vegas Stakes. What you won't find in Super Caesars, however, is the adventure element or the advisors. The play control is less intuitive than Vegas Stakes, which may cost you money in mistakenly placed bets.

RED DOG

Bet that the third card will be between the first two. A tough game!



ROULETTE

Spin and win, if you're lucky. Roulette pays big for a small wager.

CRAPS

Cover the Horn, bet on the Don't Pass Line, or play the Hardway!

BLACKJACK

You can Double, Split and Insure your bet against the House.

VIDEO POKER

Five Card Draw vs. the machine. No raises. No calls. No folds.

SLOTS

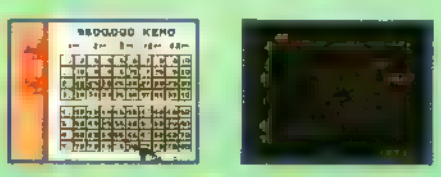
A.K.A. one-armed bandits, the Slots have different minimum and maximum bets.

HORSE RACING

Want to play the ponies? Pick one and watch the results come in.

KENO

Buy a card, pick ten numbers and hope they match the drawing.

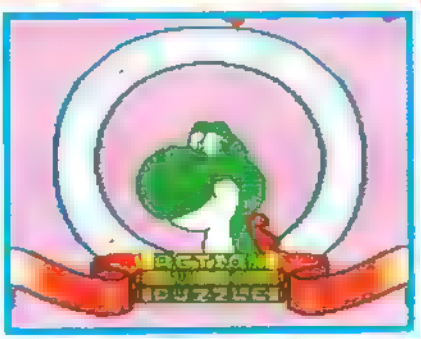


YOSHI'S COOKIE™

Hey, puzzle-munchers! You haven't lived until you've tried my first puzzle game for the Super NES—Yoshi's Cookie. What a great name! Hope you're hungry for a challenge.

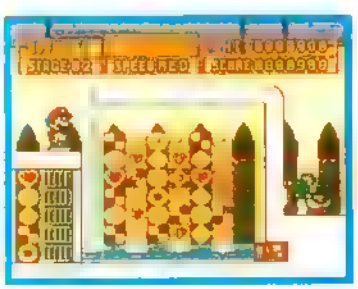
SUPER COOKIES

There's nothing half baked about Bullet-Proof Software's Super NES version of Yoshi's Cookie. Sure it has better graphics and sound than the NES and Game Box versions reviewed in the April Nintendo Power. The basic game is the same, but the added options make this version "super" in more ways than one. The two-player VS option really cooks. But the best part is the new Puzzle option. The 100 puzzles are like 2-D Rubik's Cubes (Rubik's Squares?) You'll eat it up!



ACTION

Line up rows or columns of similar cookies so they cascade (or disappear) off the screen. The more cookies you cascade, the better the score.

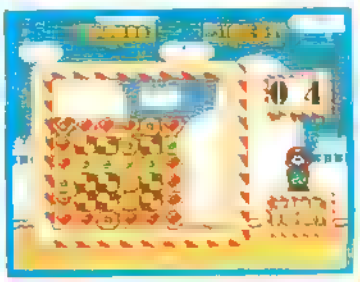


VS.

Challenge a computer controlled character or one controlled by a friend. The four characters each have their own strengths and strategies.

PUZZLE

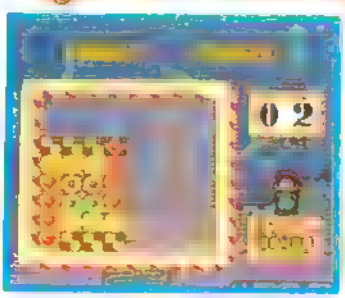
Each of 100 preset puzzles must be solved in just a few well-chosen moves. High scores are achieved by cascading all the cookies at one time.

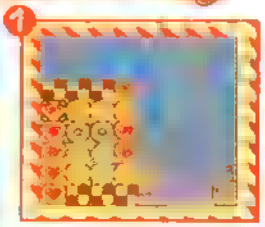


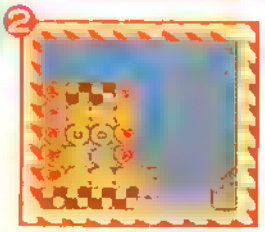
PUZZLE PARADISE

Alexey Pajitnov, the creator of Tetris, is the inspiration for an entire genre of video puzzles ranging from Dr. Mario to Wordtris. In the Yoshi's Cookie Puzzle Mode, Alexey has arranged the cookies to suggest possible solutions, but few of the many possible moves will result in clearing the screen. Just as a chess player plans many moves ahead, you have to be able to shift the cookies mentally and picture how the puzzle will be altered with each move. Below are a few examples.

ROUND 2-STAGE 6

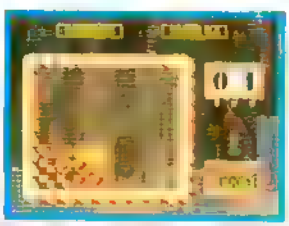




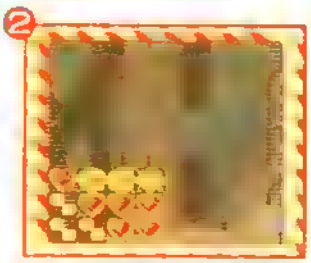


Each puzzle has a definite pattern, but finding the key that unlocks it can be difficult. Move the cursor to the second row from the top and move the row one space to the right. Then move the furthest column to the left one space up

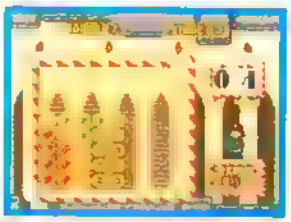
ROUND 4-STAGE 4



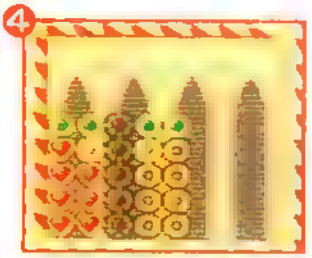
This simple-looking puzzle actually requires four moves. The idea is to stack the cookies so that one move will start the cascade. Begin by moving the top row left one space and the right column up one space. Now move the left column up once and the bottom row left one space. That's all, folks!



ROUND 7-STAGE 1

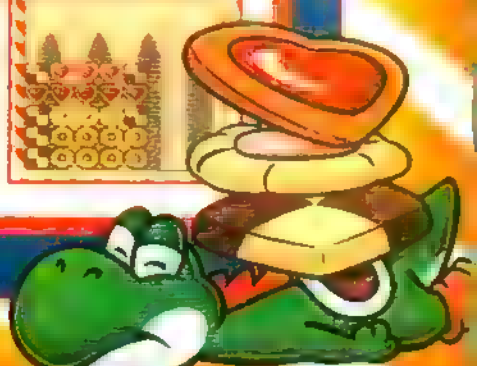


Four moves may not look like enough to clear this screen. Move the top row twice to the left. Next move the middle column one space upward. Finally go back to the top row and shift it one space to the left in order to line up the orange jelly-filled cookie. That's how the cookie crumbles



ROUND 7-STAGE 6

Although this puzzle looks huge, it is ready to crumble with only two simple moves. The key is the second row from the top. Move that row one space to the right, then move the left column one space down. How sweet it is!



POW

Welcome to Nintendo Power U., the first Videoversity where you can get the facts straight. Forget all the rumors and hype you've heard about

Q: Does the Super NES have Blast Processing?

A: Sega of America's Consumer Service and their PR firm didn't have a well-defined answer when we asked them what exactly Blast Processing is. Basically what they said is that Blast Processing refers to programming techniques for fast processing used with respect to one of the microchips in the Genesis. What that really means is that programmers try to write game programs that make the best use of the hardware. Many Super NES programmers do the same thing, and so do smart programmers working in every video game and computer format. Writing a fast program can be compared to planning a car trip across town. The roads and signals are like the circuits in a game system's Central Processing Unit (CPU). You might say that the custom CPU in the Super NES is *a super highway of data*. Traffic on the roads represents the electrical signals in the CPU. Just as some routes across the city will be slower due to heavy traffic, stop lights, or people running over hedgehogs, some processing routes and memory locations will slow down a game program. So how do you speed it up? You plan a route that bypasses the traffic jams. In essence, Blast Processing means that Sega's programmers now know what they're doing. Makes you wonder how long they were stuck in traffic.

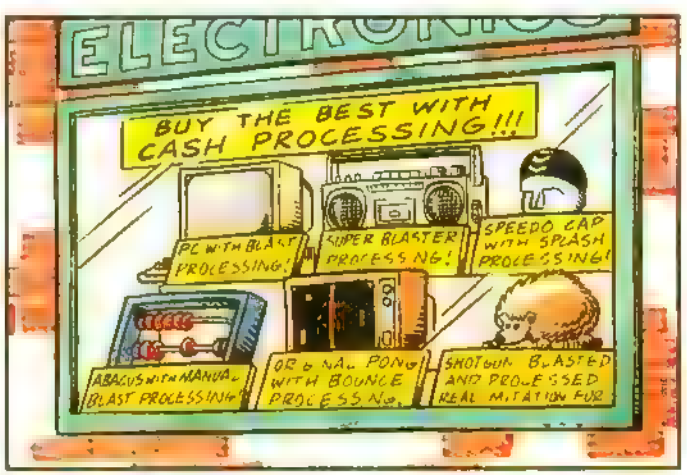
Q: Which is better, CD-ROM or Super FX?

A: The CD-ROM and Super FX are two different video game technologies with completely different applications. Comparing them is like comparing apples to goats. The CD-ROM is a memory device allowing for the storage of over 500 megabytes of data. With that kind of memory capacity, you can make games that include digitized video footage, plus digitized speech and stereo music. CD-ROM drives are relatively expensive to make due to their precision drive mechanisms and other components.

The Super FX chip is a *custom microprocessor* that can be mass produced cheaply—for about ten bucks!—and which is small enough to fit into a Game Pak. The Super FX doesn't add to the memory of a game, but acts as a *super high speed calculator*. Functions that had to pass through the CPU can now be handled more rapidly with the Super FX. The result is that programmers can more easily make games using 3-D polygons, texture mapping, rotation of sprites and other effects.

What can be compared is whether or not a Super FX game or a CD-ROM game offers a new gaming experience because of its improved technology. The potential is there for both technologies. So far, the games seen on CD-ROM have done little more than add a few segments of video and improved sound. The digital graphics in Sewer Shark may look impressive at first, but the video and audio enhancements don't improve the game play. On the other hand, the Super FX adds to the game play in Star Fox *by increasing the speed and smoothness of the 3-D action*. Even when the screen is filled with enemies and obstacles there is no slow down.

In terms of dazzling visuals, the 8 megabit Star Fox can't compete with a CD-ROM game like Sewer Shark with 500 times the amount of memory. And yet the game play of Sewer Shark, in spite of its graphics and sound, comes in a fading second when compared to Star Fox. You can turn left, you can turn right, you can shoot a rat. What a blast! It just goes to show that *it's not the technology, but what you do with it that counts.*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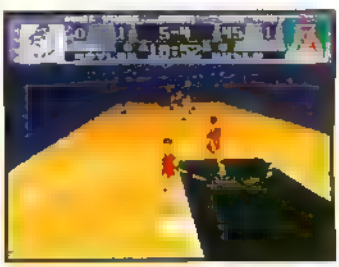
Q: How come Nintendo doesn't make more sports games?

A: Wake up and go to the store! *More than 50 sports titles have already been released for the Super NES* and 25 new titles are due to be released in the next few months. No other home video game system can match those numbers. It's not just quantity, though, but quality that counts for die-hard sports video gamers. Many of the critically acclaimed games, such as those from Electronic Arts like John Madden Football '93 and NHLPA Hockey '93, have been released on the Super NES. These are excellent games on any system, but they could be even better if they had been designed to make use of the Super NES's special capabilities. A good example of a sports title that makes use of the Super NES's custom hardware is NCAA Basketball programmed by Sculptured Software. They employed Mode 7 effects for scaling and rotation to bring players a *behind-the-ball view that revolutionizes sports games*. When it comes to sports excellence, let the games speak for themselves.



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video game systems. This first class was designed around questions sent in by our top students of videology. Learn it. Know it. Spread it around!

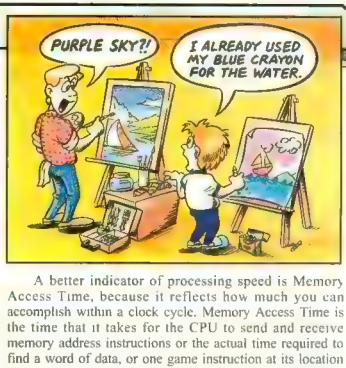
Q: What do all the colors on the Super NES do for me?

A: Graphics aren't everything when it comes to video games, but they are critical. The game's graphics are the playing field. Can you imagine playing football or baseball without a field? How would you know if you were out of bounds? The number of colors available for use on any video game system is an important factor in determining how realistic the graphics look. With one color, you're not going to have much of a game. Like a polar bear in a blizzard, there's not much to see. With two colors you can have a game like checkers. As the number of colors increase, the complexity of the graphics can increase, too. For truly realistic images, *you need the largest color palette that you can get*! The Super NES allows programmers to choose from more than 32,000 colors and to display 256 of them at one time. Of course, programmers can use fewer colors, but problems may arise. For instance, when digitizing a photographic image, programmers must replace the millions of colors present in the photo with a set or palette of colors that are available in the computer. If you have only 16 colors to replace millions of colors, you can't help but lose most of the detail. With more colors, you'll have more and sharper details revealed in the graphics. So the message is clear enough. *More is better. Less is just less.*

Q: What is the speed of the Super NES?

A: *System speed has nothing to do with the speed that a sprite moves across the screen.* That is a matter of programming. A plumber could move as fast as a hedgehog if programmed to do so. System speed has to do with the speed that data is processed by the CPU.

To make things really confusing, there are different measures of speed. The most commonly cited indicator is the clock speed, which controls how fast data is handled by the CPU and transferred to various microprocessors. The Super NES uses a crystal controlled oscillator—a tiny crystal that vibrates at 21.48 million times per second. That speed is far too fast for the CPU to handle, so the speed is reduced to 3.58 MHz, or a mere 3.58 million times per second. The actual transfer of data, though, is more dependent on CPU instructions than on actual clock speed. It's like a car obeying a speed limit. Your car may be able to race along at 120 mph, but in most situations you only drive 55 mph. Since CPU instructions vary with every game just as road signs vary on different routes, the actual in-use *speed of data transfer cannot be determined by measuring the internal clock alone.*



A better indicator of processing speed is Memory Access Time, because it reflects how much you can accomplish within a clock cycle. Memory Access Time is the time that it takes for the CPU to send and receive memory address instructions or the actual time required to find a word of data, or one game instruction at its location in memory. Since *the Super NES has a Memory Access Time of 279 nanoseconds* (a nanosecond being one billionth of a second), which is considerably faster than the Genesis, it can accomplish more during one clock cycle. Imagine two people playing a board game in which one player gets to take two or three moves for every move made by the other player. Who do you suppose has the advantage?

The Super NES Vs. Sega Genesis

The independent evaluation company, Booz-Allen & Hamilton, conducted a comparison study of the Super NES and Genesis focusing on video and audio capabilities and hardware features that influence game performance. The chart below lists some of their quantitative findings.

Microprocessor & Video

Feature	Sega Genesis	Super NES
CPU	MC68000	Custom 65C816
#Bits	16	16
CPU Clock	7.61 MHz	3.58 MHz
Memory Cycle Time	520ns	279ns
Memory	512k bit (2 @ 32kx8)	1024k bit (128kx8)
Video RAM	512k bit (2 @ 64kx4)	512k bit (2 @ 32x8)
Audio RAM	64k bit (8kx8)	512k bit (2 @ 32kx8
Colors Available	512	32,768
Max # Sprites*	80	128
Active Video Lines / Frame	262	262
# Video Frames / Sec	60	60
Input Power	15 watts a.c	10 watts a.c
Controller Response	16ms	16 ms
Controller Buttons	8	12

Stereo Audio Comparisons

Audio	Stereo Synthesizer	Digital Stereo
# Bits	8	16
Signal / Noise Ratio	14dB	22dB

Here are the conclusions of the study: "Our assessment found that both systems are very capable computers; however, the Super Nintendo has 64 times as many colors available, can process memory data 88% faster, has almost twice as much internal memory, has an audio system with less noise, and its three coprocessors give the game software designer better equipment for building faster, more complex games." Class dismissed!

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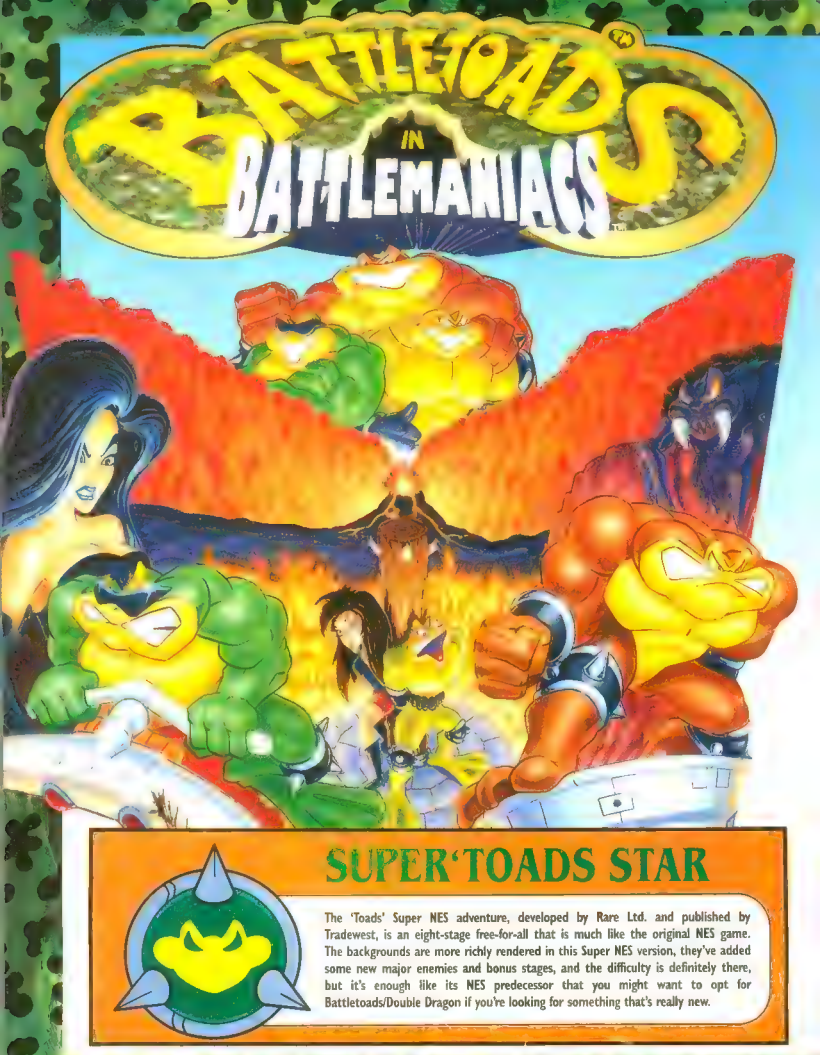


SUPER 'TOADS STAR

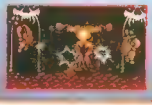
The 'Toads' Super NES adventure, developed by Rare Ltd. and published by Tradewest, is an eight-stage free-for-all that is much like the original NES game. The backgrounds are more richly rendered in this Super NES version, they've added some new major enemies and bonus stages, and the difficulty is definitely there, but it's enough like its NES predecessor that you might want to opt for Battletoads/Double Dragon if you're looking for something that's really new.

RAGNAROK CANYON

Pimple and Rash know that the Dark Queen is behind the kidnapping. They set out to rescue Michiko and Zitz, beginning their quest in Ragnarok Canyon.

❶ TWICE THE PUNCH

When you take on two enemies at a time and they approach from both sides, the Battletoads can do a double punch to smack both at the same time.

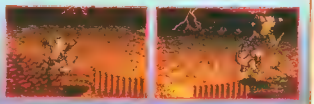


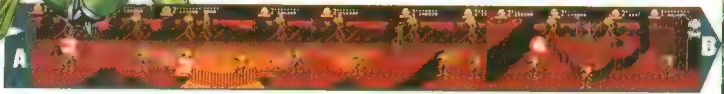
❷ FALLING FIRE

Live volcanoes in the canyon spew falling fireballs. Watch for the shadows that show where they'll land and run away so you won't end up with a fried 'Toad.

❸ BURNING BRIDGES

Hustle over the bridges as they burn and jump the enemy guard.



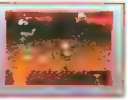


❹ PURPLE POWER PIG

The powerful, purple pig packs a mean belly blast. Keep kicking him while he's down.

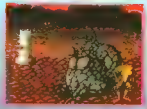
❺ PACK THOSE BONES

Attack these skeletons as soon as they emerge. Knock them off into the lava behind them.

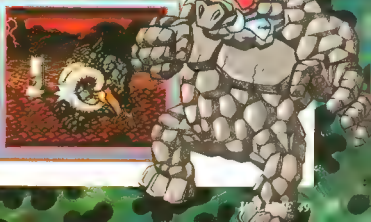


❻ WHEN PIGS FLY

This big pig is made of stone, but it still flies. It freezes for a moment when it lands, so hammer the hog, then and scram. If it flies off the left side of the screen, stay to the far right and watch for its tell-tale shadow.

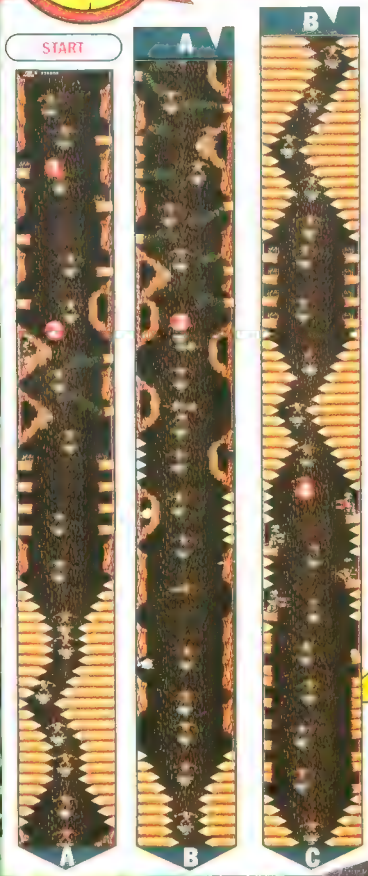


Don't get trapped under this bucket o' bacon. Wait until it lands and pummel it to pebbles.



THE HOLLOW TREE

The second stage takes the Battletoads inside a Hollow Tree, where they'll be pestered by bionic flies and slithering snakes as they pilot their jet sled.



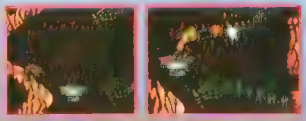
❶ WICKED WASPLINGS

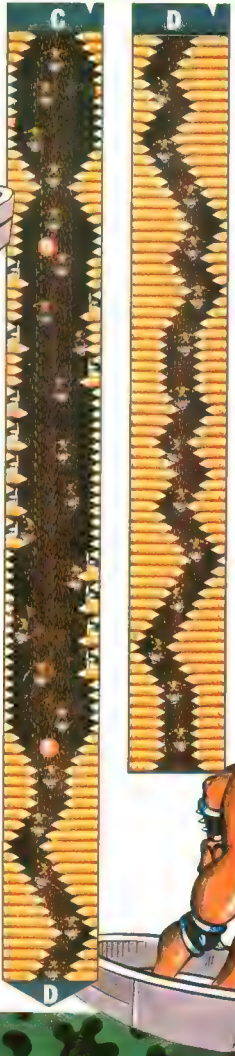
Monster flies activate as the Battletoad passes by. Attack by punching with a mighty fist or by holding the wall and throwing the sled. Continue to attack the falling fly bodies to earn a 1-Up.

Swat a fly with one punch to make it fall, then continue to hit the body to get 1-Up.

❷ SNEAKY SNAKES

Snakes lurk in the woodwork inside the tree. They slither out with their fangs flashing when a 'Toad nears. Concentrate your attack on their heads, which are their only vulnerable points. It's risky to get close enough to punch, so grab the wall across from them and send your sled flying.





3 RAT ATTACK

Daredevil Rats shoot from cannons that pop out of the walls, and they're clad in spiked armor. Trying to fight them does more harm than good, so memorize their locations on the map to the right and time your descent to avoid the rodent missiles.

4 MAGNETIC MICE

The Dark Queen's army includes a troop of mice with major magnets that have the power to draw you towards them—and into the spiked walls. You can't resist their pull, so you'll just have to prepare for the inevitable by punching away as soon as you're within arm's length.

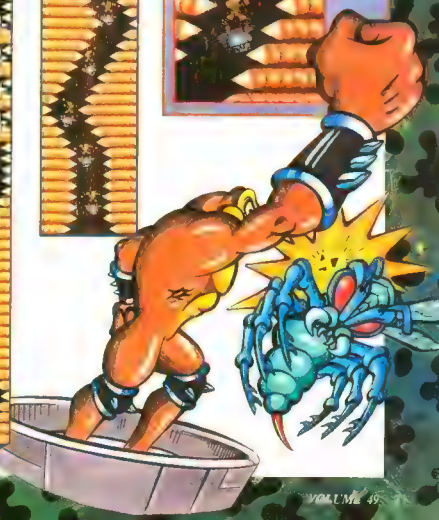
These magnetic mice will try to pull you over into the spikes. You can't resist the pull so put up your dukes instead. Punch them out before you become a pincushion.

5 AIR ASSAULT

More of the Dark Queen's minions operate powerful fans that blow you into the spiked wall if you aren't careful. Compensate for the big breeze, but beware—a couple of them try to pull you in instead of blasting you away.

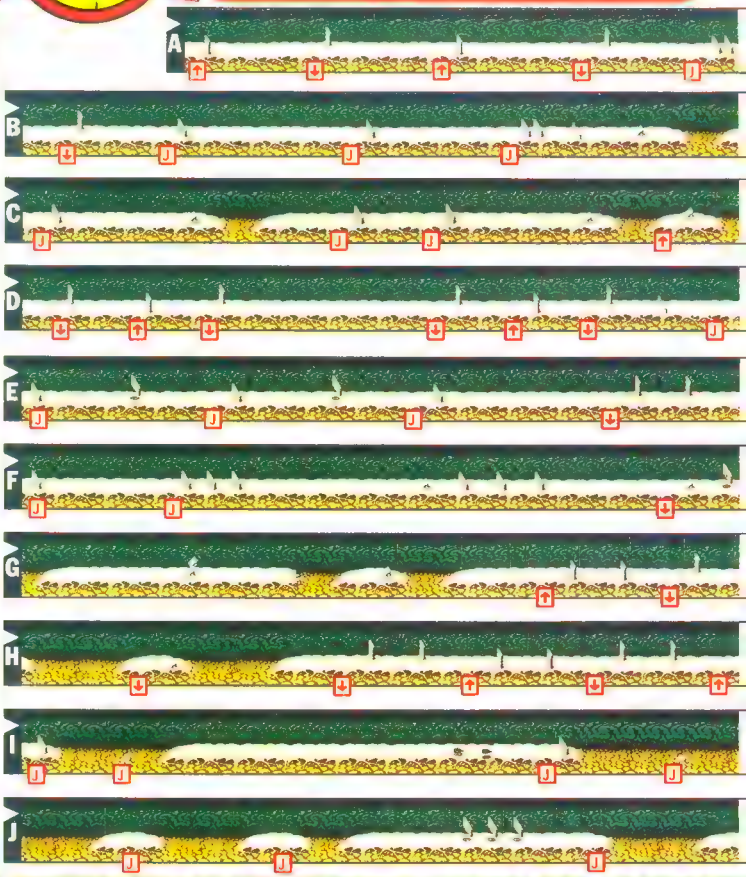
6 DEATH DROP

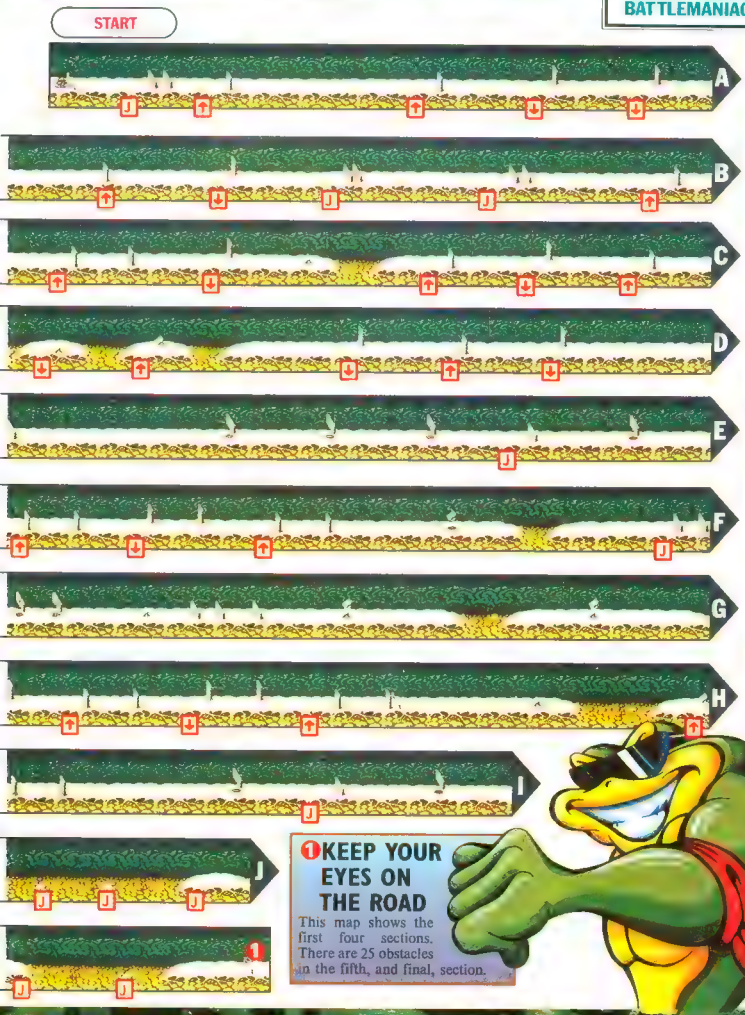
When you reach the lower portion of the tree, you'll pick up speed—and lots of it. There are no enemies in this area, but you'll have your hands full trying to pilot your jet sled down the narrow corridor, away from the spiked wall.



TURBO TUNNEL

There's definitely a need for speed in the Turbo Tunnel. Check out this awesome map to see what's ahead, then hop on the Speeder Bike and hang on for dear life. Be sure to jump when you see a J.





1 KEEP YOUR EYES ON THE ROAD

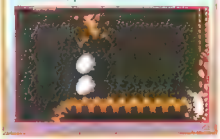
This map shows the first four sections. There are 25 obstacles in the fifth, and final, section.

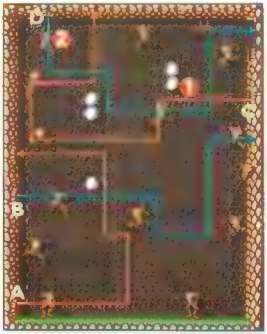
THE SNAKE PIT

The Dark Queen's pit is positively slithering with Snakes. Hop on when they emerge and jump from Snake to Snake to reach the exit near the top of each room.

❶ ROCK ON

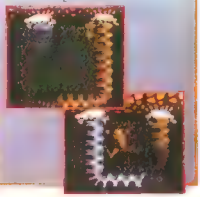
Land on these rocks before the Snake disappears, then wait for a green Snake to slither in from the left up to the exit





❷ HANG ON!

There is nowhere to go when you reach the wall, so keep hanging on until it disappears completely into the wall. When it disappears, another will emerge below.



THE BONUS STAGES

The Dark Queen grants you chances to earn 1-Ups in two Bonus Stages, the first after the Hollow Tree, the second after your roller-coaster ride. Both are high-speed stages, where a fast frog can rack up points and possibly earn a couple extra lives.

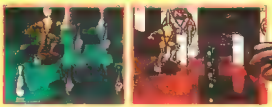
RODENTS IN THE ROAD

It's not exactly clear sailing in either of the Bonus Stages: the Dark Queen has posted some members of her rat pack in each. Some move up and down; others dash directly at you. You lose energy and five points every time you're hit, so slide aside to avoid them whenever possible.

In the first Bonus Stage you'll speed over a blue floor. In the second, the backdrop is red.

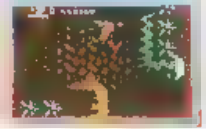
DODGE THE DARK ONES

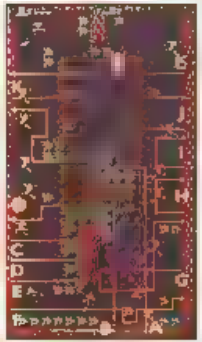
The queen has placed her dark pins and dominoes among the white ones that you want to collect. If you hit one of them, you'll lose energy and 5 points, and you'll also be slowed down. If you get stuck behind a row of them, you can even be scrolled off the screen.



QUICK STEP

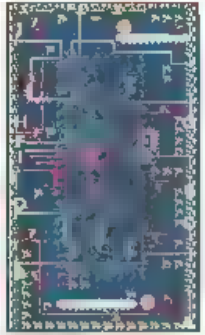
UP TO THE EXIT





HUG THE WALL

KNEEL UNDER NEEDLES



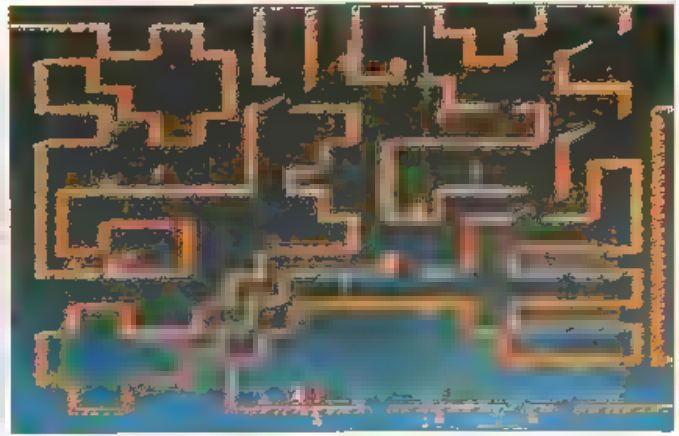
SLICK MOVE

SLIP OUT THE EXIT

RIDE THE ROLLER COASTER

TIME TO BAIL!

READ THE ROAD SIGNS

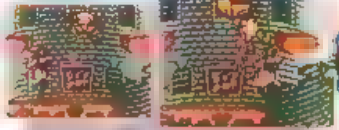


LOOK TOAD— NO ROAD!

UPS AND DOWNS

THE DARK TOWER

THAT DASTARDLY DARK QUEEN



TO THE TNT, 'TOAD!

WARNING!!

Mutagenic agents coming to your
Super NES, NES, and Game Boy from Ocean.

NINTENDO POWER

BATTLETOADS™ IN RAGNAROK'S WORLD

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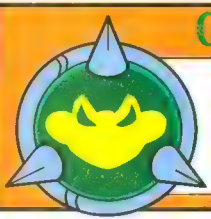
RUMBLE ON RAGNAROK

After her defeat at the Battle of Canis Major, the Dark Queen vowed revenge on the 'Toads. She may get it. While on their way to Princess Angelica's home planet, Zitz, Pimple and the Princess are kidnapped by the Dark Queen and her minions.

GET AFTER THE QUEEN



Ragnarok's World is where you, Rash, will find your compatriots. This is the evil Dark Queen's home base. 'Toads fans who are familiar with the NES Battletoads game will recognize these challenging levels from Tradewest.

RAGNAROK'S CANYON

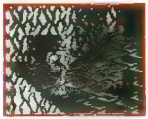
Professor T. Bird will offer Rash some sage advice just as he sets him down on the eerie surface of Ragnarok's World. Keep moving to the right and pound the puss out of the Psyko-Pigs as they break out from the stone walls in the background.

MEGA TOAD WARP

A cunning Toad is always on the lookout for shortcuts, especially when his friends are in need! The first Mega Warp in the game comes up quite early. When Rash comes upon the first two Psyko-Pigs in Ragnarok's Canyon, he should give each of the porkers a fierce Battletoad Butt. The Warp will appear to the right. Quickly run and jump into the Warp. Rash can skip two levels by doing so.

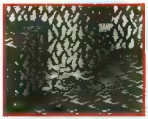
DON'T DO THEM IN

After Rash makes the leap over the falls, he'll be greeted by more Psyko-Pigs. Just toy with them a bit by knocking them around. If you hit them enough, your point total will increase dramatically and you may even earn a 1-Up!



AN EASY 1-UP?

If Rash is holding one of the Walker's legs, getting this 1-Up is no problem. Just jump up under it and swing away. However, if Rash doesn't have a leg, he'll have to jump out off of the left ledge to get it.



IMPACT CRATER

A long time ago, a huge meteorite made impact and blasted through the surface of Ragnarok's World leaving this long, vertical crater. Now, years later, the crater is inhabited by Ravens, Saturn Toadtraps, Retro Blasters and Electro Zaps.

IMPACT IS IMMINENT

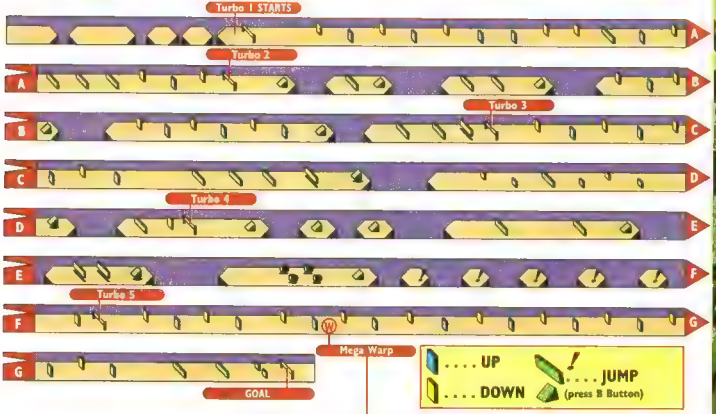
As the heroic Rash lowers himself down through the Impact Crater, he'll be hanging onto his lifeline, a Turbo Cable. If you press and hold to the Left or Right, Rash will turn into a Battletoad Bashing Ball. Swing away to crash into the various enemies in the Crater, especially the Retro Blasters.

BIRD SMACKING

When Rash encounters the first Raven, kick it. Don't hit it as the Bashing Ball. Just give it the boot. If positioned properly, Rash will automatically take the Raven's beak. With it, Rash can swat each Raven several times while it bounces from the Crater's walls. Successive swats will earn many more points and eventually a 1-Up.

TURBO TUNNEL

Welcome to the Turbo Tunnel. Considering the speed that the Speed Bike races along and the speed that the obstacles and jumps come up, it's a wonder that Rash would even think about making it through!



There is a Mega Warp near the end of the Turbo Tunnel, but your Speed Bike will be going so fast, you may not even see it! Check out the map to locate it and then remember its location

ICE CAVERN

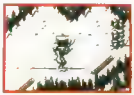
Ragnarok's World is in a constant state of change. The immense Ice Cavern was created by a huge receding glacier. The glacier left a strangely shaped trail with dangerous spikes lining the walls, ceiling and floor.

ICE SPIKES

If Rash makes a false move or leaps when he shouldn't, he may find himself speared and slain by the prickly groups of icicles. Precise jumping is required, but it won't be easy considering Rash will have an icy surface under his webbed feet.

BARRIER BUSTIN'

Rash has to destroy many barriers that block his path. If there happens to be a large stone in the area, Rash can pick it up and hurl it at the barrier. Otherwise, find some Snowballs to throw or wait for a Snowman to chuck some of his own.



SNAKE PIT

If you thought the Turbo Tunnel was difficult to get through, you ain't seen nothin' yet! Rash, not normally know for his love of snakes, will be forced to ride the elongated beasts as they make their way around each of the three Pits.

SNAKE PIT ONE

The only good thing about this first Snake Pit is that if Rash falls off of a Snake, he won't get hurt because there are no Spikes down below. However, the same is not true for the other two Snake Pits. What Rash needs to do to exit a Snake Pit is jump up and touch the "OUT" sign. He'll have to grab onto and ride the Snakes around the Pit until he comes close to the sign. Study the maps and figure out where Rash will have to make a jump from one Snake to another.

Rash can't stand on a Snake's head. He'll drop off.

When a Snake makes a vertical turn, grab on and go for a ride.

Sometimes, Rash will have to wait until he can make a jump.

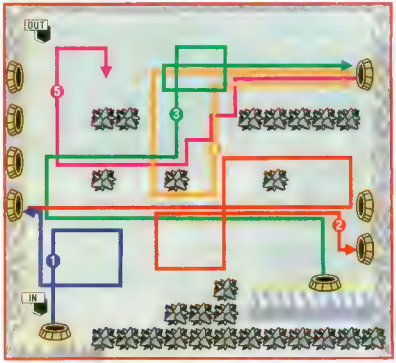
Rash made the leap to the "OUT" sign. Bring on the next Pit!

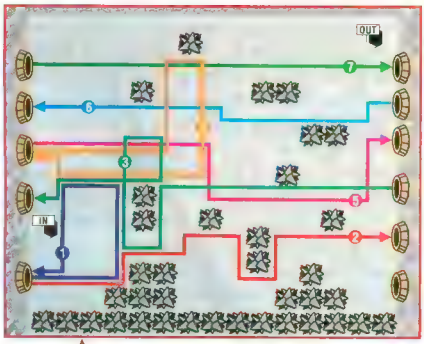
SNAKE PIT TWO

Without having access to our maps and diagrams, completing the second and third Snake Pits could possibly take . . . forever. Not really. However, it *could* take a long time and would definitely take many Toad lives. If Rash happens to lose his footing or makes some other false move, make sure he falls down to the extreme right or left in order to avoid the Spikes in the middle of the floor.

Rash will have to jump between some Spikes in Snake Pit Two. Don't jump too soon or he'll have nowhere to leap.

Snakes travel at different speeds. You'll have to quickly adjust your timing in order to make smooth Snake transitions.





SNAKE PIT THREE

If Rash falls off of a Snake in Snake Pit Three—he's a goner! It's a given. There are no safe spots on the floor. The jumps that Rash has to make near the center of Snake Pit Three are especially tricky because of the turns that the Snake makes and the fact that there are plenty of Spikes to contend with. Simply put: It's not easy! Rash won't be able to let out a sigh of relief or a shout of joy until he sees the "OUT" sign in the upper right corner of Snake Pit Three.

Rash has to move fast in here because the Snakes move fast and there are more Spikes to avoid.

THE GARGANTUA & THE TOWER OF SHADOWS

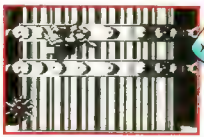
Ragnarok's World is certainly a strange place! Things are always changing as Rash makes his way from one stage to another. No two stages play the same. This fact is one of the best things about this action-packed game!

CLINGER WINGER THINGER

With the nasty and menacing Buzzball chasing Rash the whole way through the Gargantua, the heroic Toad is bound to get tired. Your left thumb will probably get tired from all the direction changes it has to make. Fast reflexes are your best ally in The Gargantua.

UP TO THE QUEEN

The Dark Queen's Tower of Shadows must be a mile high! Rash will have to make many leaps using his strong Toad legs and also using the springboard platforms that appear on almost every level of the Tower. Battle the Queen at the top!



BATTLETOADS DOUBLE DRAGON™

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THE ULTIMATE TEAM

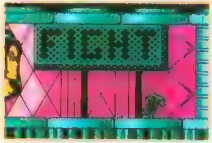
Two of the greatest teams in video game history have joined forces! The Lee Brothers, Jimmy and Billy, have inked a deal with Rash, Pimple and Zitz, collectively known as the Battletoads. The reason for the muscle-bound merger is clear: the nemesis of the Battletoads, the Dark Queen, has joined forces with the equally evil Shadow Boss. The Lees have long been battling the Shadow Boss.

GET MAD 'N BAD!

After her defeat on Ragnarok's World, the Dark Queen headed to the end of the universe to regroup and plot her revenge. Now she's back, and with more help than you can imagine! This vertical and horizontal scroller sends the Toads and Dragons into some of the best action stages you'll find on any system--either 8 or 16 bit!

DOUBLE BOSS SHOWDOWN

No matter what character you choose to play as, be it a 'Toad or a Dragon, you'll fight enemies that have appeared in previous Battletoads *and* Double Dragon games. All the bad boss characters are there, too: Abobo, Scuzz, Walkers, Big Blag, Ryder, Linda Lash, the Robo-Manus and many more! The Battletoads' mentor, Professor T. Bird, will be on hand between stages to give you encouragement. However, if you screw up, he'll be more than happy to let you know.



Aarrrgh! The Dark Queen rears her evil head again, but not before hundreds of enemies from Battletoads and Double Dragon fame attack.

FRIENDLY FORCES

Even though the attack moves of the 'Toads and Dragons *look* different, they accomplish the same task. The same Controller functions apply for any character. Nonetheless, a very slight advantage has to go to the 'Toads. Their limbs are a bit longer. Using Jimmy or Billy is a bit more challenging.

THE BATTLETOADS

RASH

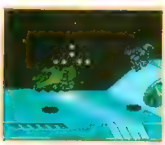
Out of the three amphibian friends, Rash uses the most finesse in his fighting techniques. The No Way Back Thwack, while wielding a leg off of one of the Walkers, is top-notch in his book.

ZITZ

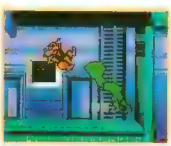
Zitz is the Battletoads' tactician. He, along with Professor T. Bird, provides the strategy for the team. Zitz loves the Turbo Cables. He is an expert at gaining 1-Ups by slashing the Ravens.

PIMPLE

He doesn't appear to be larger on screen, but this tall, tan Battletoad is more imposing than his green pals. The truly powerful moves like the Big Bad Boot and Twin Side Slam are his favorites.



Keeping with the Battletoads tradition, the Smash Hit Attacks are wildly exaggerated. Witness the application of the Battletoad Butt. The ram's horns really do the damage!



Thwack! The Kiss-My-Fist sends Scuzz scurrying. Score 5000 beans, too! By quickly tapping the Control Pad twice in the direction you're facing, you can pull off a Smash Hit.

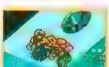
THE LEE BROTHERS

BILLY

Billy, who wears blue, always seems to be fighting someone. And now, since the despicable Shadow Boss has resurfaced, he's guaranteed himself another round of combat. His Dragon Force fighting techniques are as sharp as ever.

JIMMY

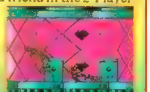
Jimmy, in the green outfit, will always be on hand to back up his bro. They train together and they'll go into battle together if you want them to. Jimmy loves to use the powerful Dragon's Tail Throw on unsuspecting baddies.



You'll find that the Lee Brothers also have expert attack techniques like the brutal Flying Dragon Kick.

TEAM IT UP!

In the 1-Player mode, this game is cool, but it really cooks when you team up with a friend in the 2-Player mode! It's quite a sight to see heroes from two different sets of video games hook up and take care of business in the only way they know how: thrash, thrash, and thrash!



STAGE 1-THE COLOSSUS

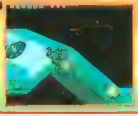
The Dark Queen's newest rig, the Colossus, made its debut by smashing out of the moon. Professor T. Bird was unaware of the Dark Queen's resurgence, but now it's only too obvious! Finally realizing that the Dark Queen has the Shadow Boss on her side, the Lee Brothers are called in to even the odds.

START

1-1

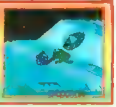
BONUS PODS

Your chosen fighter will encounter many Bonus Pods throughout the game. Smash them to find points, energy, a weapon or a 1 Up. Don't think that points don't count! For every 100,000 points scored, you'll earn a 1-Up.



RETRO BLASTERS

Approach the Retro Blasters from the side and then jump up and grab them. Repeatedly press the B Button to thrash them to pieces.



STAGE 2-INSIDE COLOSSUS

The lengthy corridors of the Colossus will prove to be much more dangerous than the outside of the ship. A whole platoon of angry Guidos will assault you as you make your way down through the first section of Stage 2.

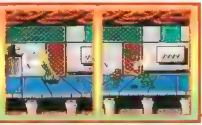
START

BOSS

2-1

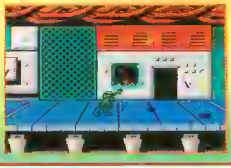
USE A LEG

When a Walker appears, smash it to pieces with a punch and then pick up one of its legs. A Walker's leg is a great weapon! You can score mass points with it.



DOORMAN OF DOOM

The Doorman will randomly toss sticks of dynamite out into the corridor. Pick them up before they explode and hurl them back at the door the Doorman is hiding behind. A few doses of his own medicine will be enough to do-in the Doorman.



THE DOORMAN-ROUND 2

He's back again, but this time he's cut the fuses on his dynamite. They explode very quickly. Don't pick them up unless they fall near you.

2-2

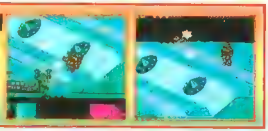
MECHNO-MITTS

Keep moving and sprint out of the way when the heavy-handed Mitt comes crashing down onto the ship's surface. When it lands, quickly move to it and smack it with all you've got. You'll have to hit it three times to break it up.

1-2 BOSS

HANGIN' TOUGH

Any character can hang from either side of the Colossus. Just run off the edge and you'll automatically grab the side. Press the B Button to nail hanging enemies and Bonus Pods.



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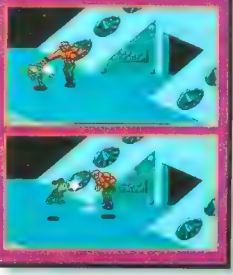
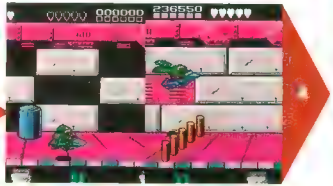




START

SPEEDER BIKES

These air cycles will speed you down the corridor toward your confrontation with Big Blag. Hang on tight and avoid everything except the Bonus Pods.

COLLECTION TIME

If you collect every one of the Bonus Pods after you've hopped on the Speeder, you'll be rewarded with a 1-Up.

SPEEDER ACROBATICS

You'll be able to avoid the big blue Drums by jumping over them or dodging them, but you'll have to press the A Button to jump over the Post Walls.

RYDERS

Ryders will approach from the front and the back. Crash into the ones who appear in front of you and give the ones who appear from behind a Biker Bash kick.

BIG BLAG

STAGE 3-THE BASE

If you thought that the Colossus enemies were tough, think again. The baddies lurking in the Base are much stronger. Roper, possibly related to Abobo, carries a huge machine gun and will be waiting for you if you make it through the Base. By the way, that's a big if. The difficulty level really picks up here.

3-1

START

SECURI-CAMS

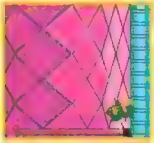
As soon as you see one of the Secun Cams, jump up and grab it. Bash away at it until it finally breaks off.

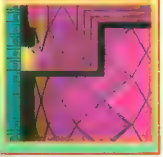
KICKIN'

As you make your way down the vertical shafts in the base your Turbo Cable will be your only lifeline. Press and hold the Control Pad to the Left or Right to use the BT Bashing Ball against the Ravens. Kick the black-feathered Ravens repeatedly to score major points.

BUZZ DISCS

As you make your way down the second vertical shaft, Buzz Discs will race up and down the left wall. Jump out and swing on your Turbo Cable to avoid getting buzzed. The electrical charge that the Buzz Discs serve up is shocking!





HIT THE SWITCH

When entering this area, don't jump down to the floor. Leap up and shimmy along the upper pipe and make your way over to the red switch. Kick it to deactivate the electrical fields.

GOAL

3-2

START

TURBO CABLE TOSS

When you approach a shaft, you can swing across by whipping your Turbo Cable up and attaching it to the ceiling.

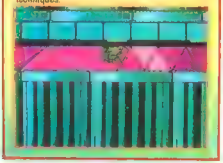
CRUSHA CRUSH YA

Like giant intake valves the Crushas will drop down and may squash you when you pass underneath. Sprint!

B

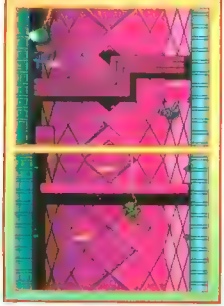
DASH!

The best way to get past the Crushas in this area is to tap the Control Pad twice to the Right and dash like a mad 'Toad or mad Dragon. Don't even bother trying any other techniques.



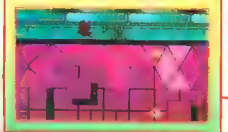
BT BASHING BALL

Bash away at the Secun-Cems that line this long vertical shaft by pressing and holding the Control Pad to the Right or Left and transforming into the BT Bashing Ball. The results of this move are crushingly convincing!



SWINGIN' SIZE 13'S

While you're hanging from the pipe in this area, you'll come across numerous Ravens. Luckily, you have a defense. The 'Toads will give the enemies the boot with their size 13's while the Dragons will counter with a nifty move they call the Back n' Front Punt.



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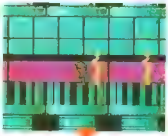
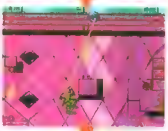
CONVEYOR BELT

Your character will be whisked along this corridor on a swift conveyor belt. You may wish you'd never stepped on it because there will be many Electro-Barriers that you'll have to deal with. A shocking experience could be in store for you!



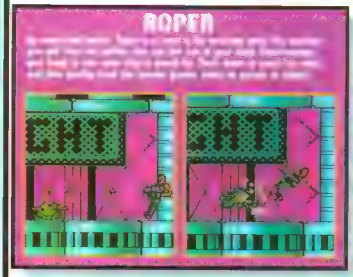
CABLE CRUSADE

As if hanging from a Turbo Cable wasn't dangerous enough! Move Up and Down the Cable to avoid the obstacles like Electro Barriers and Ravens that come up as you are being pulled along at a staggering clip.



GARBAGE CHUTE

The best tip for staying alive through this area is to STAY LOW! By hanging from the Turbo Cable near the bottom of the screen, you'll have more time to swing and avoid the mangled shrapnel as it falls down on you.



C

GOAL

STAGE 4-COLOSSUS ENCOUNTER

Your chosen fighter, be it a Toad or a Dragon, will take over the controls of a small spacecraft in Stage 4. The craft looks, fires and moves suspiciously like the craft in Solar Jetman, another Tradewest game. Hmmm, interesting. Anyway, it's cool because it handles better than the Jetman's craft.

4-1

ROCKS & MINES

The Dark Queen won't like the fact that you're coming up behind her mighty Colossus so she'll unleash several attacks on your ship. First, a series of asteroid like rocks will come your way. Then, three types of Mines will float toward you and explode.

MINE FIELDS

Try to shoot all or at least some of the Mines when they're released from Colossus and before they get near your ship. The closer they come to you, the better the chance you'll get nailed. Clear a path!

STAGE 5-MISSILE MADNESS

After destroying the mighty Colossus, you'll be truly amazed to find that the Dark Queen and the Shadow Boss manage to escape your hearty onslaught by hiding out in the remains of a giant missile hull. Those dirty rats! Nevertheless, undaunted, you'll chase after the missile and eventually catch and board it.

5-1

START

BOOSTER JUMP

The boosters periodically burn shots of rocket fuel to propel the missile forward. Wait for the blasts to subside before jumping over

WINDOWMAN OF DOOM

The Doorman of Doom's brother, the Windowman, lurks behind glass inside the missile. He'll randomly toss his grenades out toward you in hopes of doing you in. Grab his grenades and toss them back at him.

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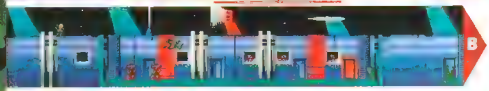

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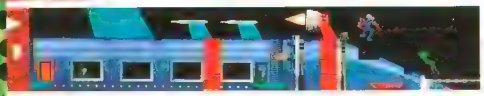
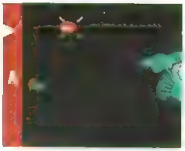


ROBO-MANUS

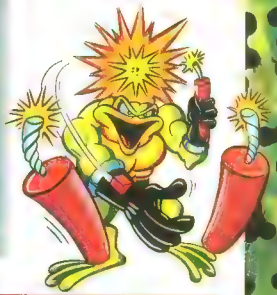
BOSS



THE COLOSSUS

UFO TROUBLES

The Colossus will launch several UFO's and, like it or not, you'll have to deal with them! The best strategy to use against them is to lock on to them with your ship's missile guidance system and launch a Homing Missile.



THREE WINDOWS

The Windowman of Doom is very fast. He'll appear in this area in one of the three windows. Your job is to toss one of his grenades into the window where he will next appear.

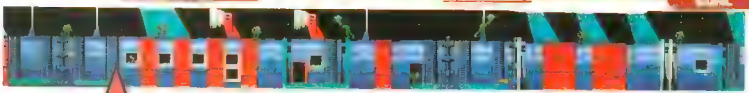
BATTLE ROOMS

There are three rooms inside of the missile where you'll be required to square off with the likes of General Slaughter. Just use the battle techniques that you are already familiar with.

JET BOOSTERS

Talk about poor posture boning! As you make your way to the front of the missile, you'll have to climb and descend many ladders. Avoid the fire from the jet boosters as you climb.

GOAL



STAGE 6 & 7-FINAL FIGHT?

The Shadow Boss and the Dark Queen are the only two left. It looks as if you've managed to shred their defenses and now they are going to have to deal with YOU! Now is not the time to be making ill-advised decisions, so prepare yourself!

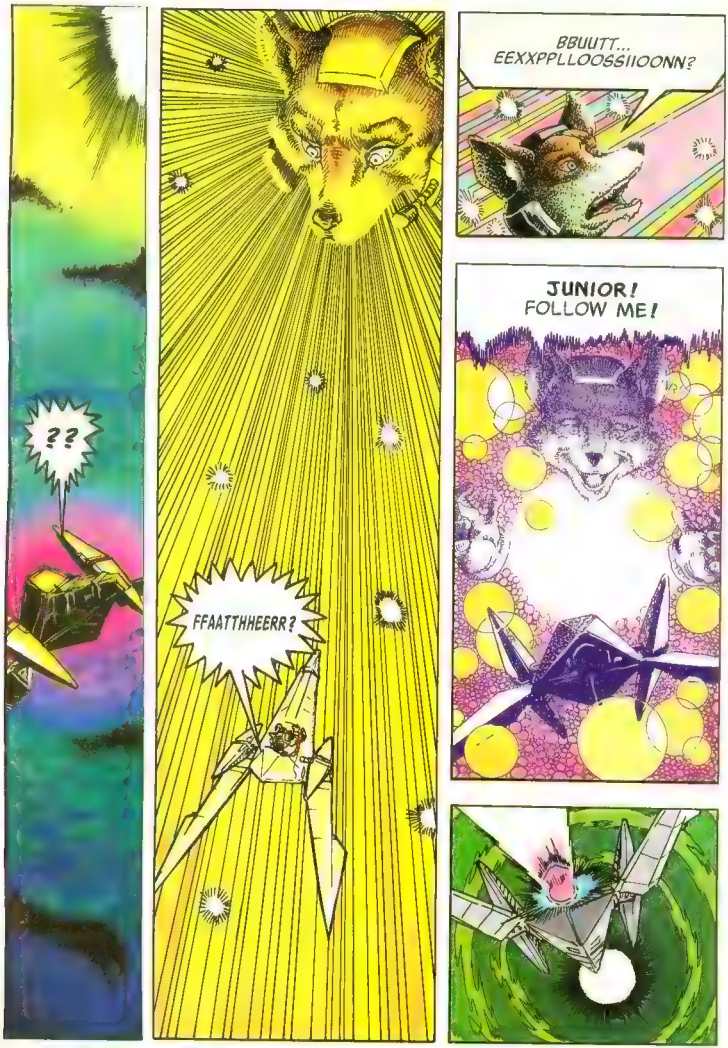
SHADOW BOSS

THE DARK QUEEN

GENERAL!
SHIZZLE
NEXT TIME, KNOCK BEFORE SCARING ME TO DEATH! WHAT'S UP?
FOX AND FARA? GONE?
STARFOX

KA-BOOOM
THERE GO THE OTHER ARWINGS, GENERAL!
FALCO AND THE OTHERS WANTED A PIECE OF THE ACTION!
ACT.5
FIXING A HOLE
?
THERE WERE THREE OF THEM, BUT ONLY TWO SHIPS?
HOLD STILL AND BREATHE LESS! WE HAVE LIMITED OXYGEN!
I'M G-G-GONNA CROAK BACK HERE! LET M-M-ME FLY!
FOX AND FARA MUST BE TO THE BLACK HOLE BY NOW!
WITH YOUR SHIP AND MY PLAN! I HATE IT WHEN THAT HAPPENS!

THERE'S THE BLACK HOLE! READY?
AS READY AS I'LL EVER BE!
HERE GOES NOTHING!
WHOOSH
WHOAOO!
IINNSSIIDDEE... HHOOLLEE...
WWHHAATT...? WWEEIIRRDD!
TTHHEE CCRREEWWSS?
CCAANN'TT FFIINNDD...OOUUTT! LLOOSST!
LLOOSSTT SSHHIIPPPSS... GGRRAAVVEEYYAARRDD!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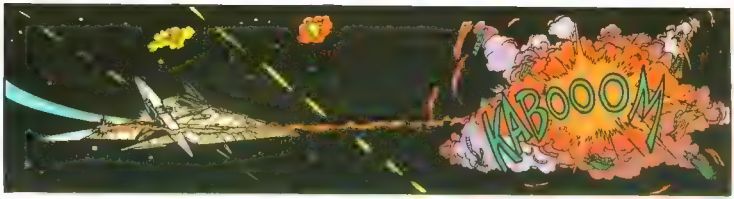
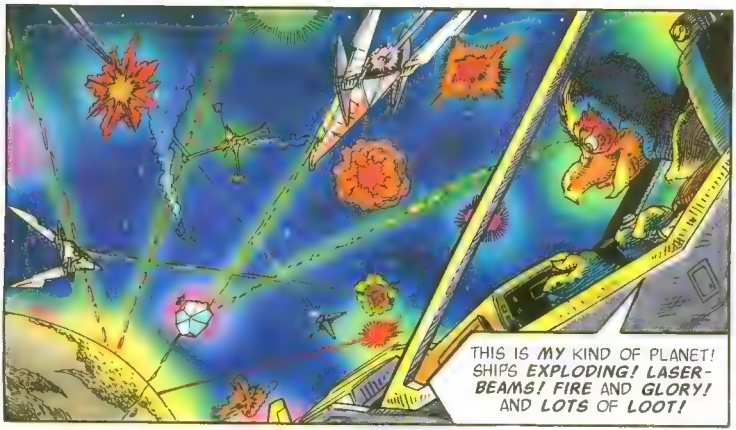
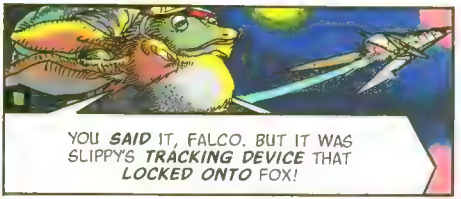
FFAATTHHEERR?
BBUUTT...
EEXXPPLLOOSSIIOONN?
JUNIOR!
FOLLOW ME!

GENERAL, WE'VE PICKED UP TWO ARWINGS OVER VENOM!
THEY SURVIVED THE BLACK HOLE! SERGEANT! GET ME A FRESH LOLLY!
FOX, WE MADE IT! HOW DID YOU FIND THE WAY OUT?
MY, MY FATHER! HE...I MEAN...I...
FOX, ARE YOU OKAY?
DIDN'T YOU SEE HIM? IT WAS MY FATHER!
FOX, I JUST FOLLOWED YOU INTO THE LIGHT. I DIDN'T SEE ANYONE!
I SEE...
LOOK!
IT MUST BE THE VENOM WELCOMING COMMITTEE.
LET'S DROP IN AND SAY HELLO. FARA, SEE THAT THEY GET THE MESSAGE!

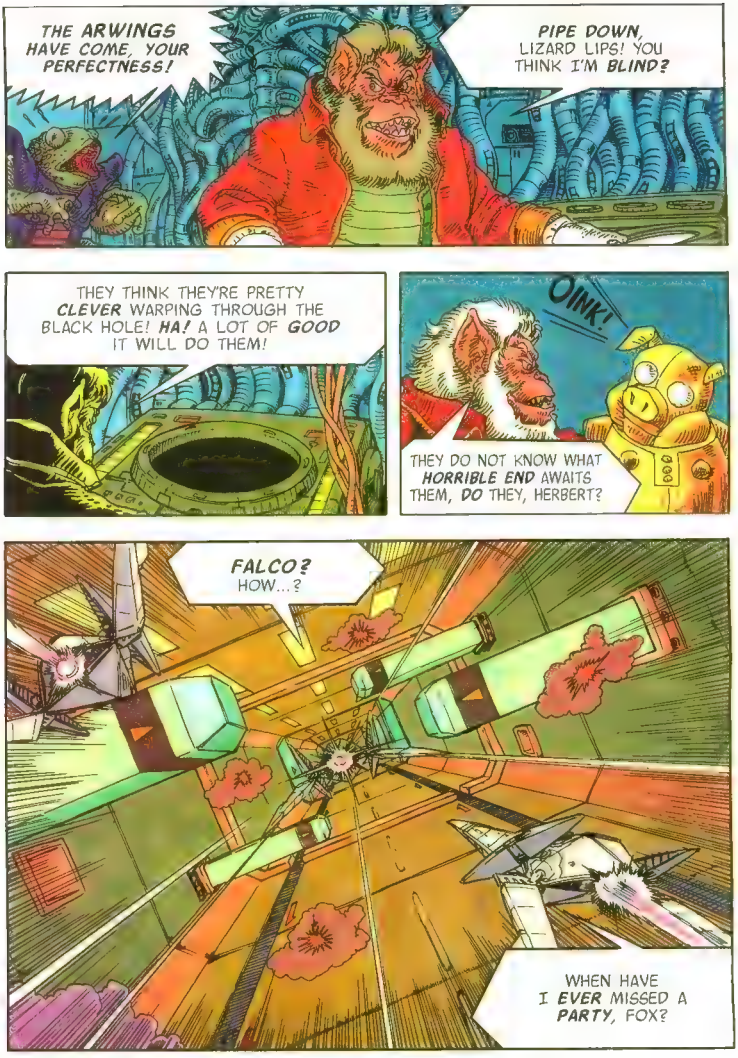

KABOOOM

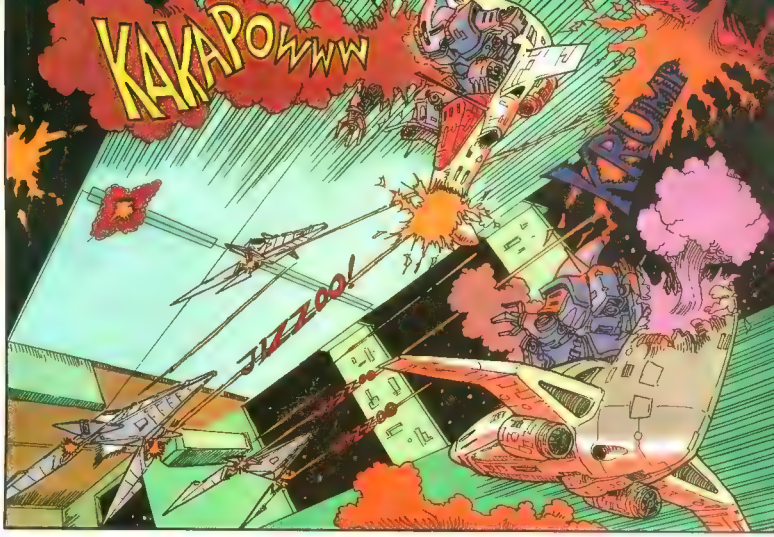

THIS IS MY KIND OF PLANET! SHIPS EXPLODING! LASER-BEAMS! FIRE AND GLORY! AND LOTS OF LOOT!

I TOLD YOU I'D GET US THROUGH THE HOLE!

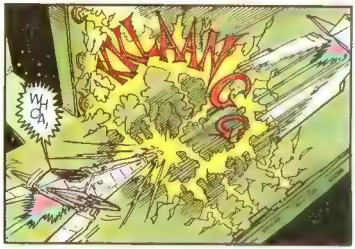

YOU SAID IT, FALCO. BUT IT WAS SLIPPY'S TRACKING DEVICE THAT LOCKED ONTO FOX!

I KNOW HOW W-W-WE CAN GET T-T-TO ANDROSS.
LET'S GO!


THE ARWINGS HAVE COME, YOUR PERFECTNESS!
PIPE DOWN, LIZARD LIPS! YOU THINK I'M BLIND?
THEY THINK THEY'RE PRETTY CLEVER WARPING THROUGH THE BLACK HOLE! HA! A LOT OF GOOD IT WILL DO THEM!
OINK!
THEY DO NOT KNOW WHAT HORRIBLE END AWAITS THEM, DO THEY, HERBERT?
FALCO? HOW...?
WHEN HAVE I EVER MISSED A PARTY, FOX?


KAKAPOWWW
KRUMP
JIZZOO!
JIZZOO!
JIZZOO!

NOW TO DESTROY THE CORNERIAN FOOLS ONE BY ONE!
PLINK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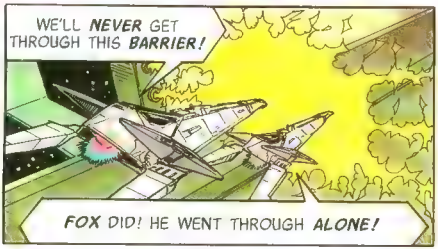
WHOA


WE'LL NEVER GET THROUGH THIS BARRIER!
FOX DID! HE WENT THROUGH ALONE!

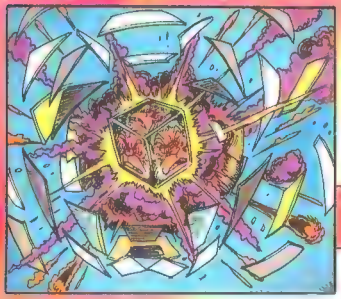
FOX!

HANG IN THERE, PAL!

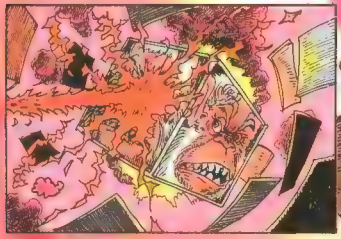
YOUR VALIANT EFFORT SHOULD BE REWARDED, JUNIOR!
HA HA HA HA HA HA
??
DON'T WORRY. YOUR FRIENDS WILL ALSO GET WHAT THEY DESERVE.
NOOOO!
MY WEAPONS DON'T EVEN MAKE A SCRATCH!
HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA

SQUEEE-SQUEEE-SQUEEE
YOU DID IT, SLIPPY! THIS IS ANDROSS' CONTROL CHAMBER!
R-R-REMEMBER WHEN WE CAPTURED THAT ANDROID P-P-PIG ON PAPETOON? IT WAS F-F-FULL OF TOP SECRET D-D-DATA!
THAT'S N-N-NO ORDINARY PIG. IT'S A P-P-PIGGY DATA BANK AND THE POWER SOURCE FOR THIS BASE. HERBERT IS THE KEY TO ANDROSS' OPERATION!
SQUEEE-SQUEEE-SQUEEE
THEN IT'S TIME WE MADE A WITHDRAWAL!
TIME TO CASH OUT!
!
HERBERT! MORE ENERGY! NOW!
KEEPING AN EYE OUT, ANDROSS?
ZEEEKKOWW!
ARRRGH!

Aaaaaaaggghhh!



I'VE GOT TO DESTROY THE CORE!



KAKAHOOOOOOMP!

HE DID IT!
LET'S BLOW BEFORE THE BASE DOES!
CHECK OUT THE FIREWORKS!
KA-KAWOOOOOM!
MASSIVE EXPLOSION ON VENOM, SIR! FOUR ARWINGS HAVE ESCAPED!
WHEW!
I WAS GOING TO DISCHARGE THE LOT OF THEM.
WHAT NOW? PARADES? MEDALS? AH, THE LONELY BURDEN OF COMMAND!
THE END

TAKE C

It's time to take charge. Last year's introduction of the Control Set, which includes the Control Deck and a single controller, gave players the power of choice. They can choose complete Super NES Super Sets or opt for the basic sets with the pared-down prices. If you bought the Control Set, you might be planning to buy an additional controller. In addition to Nintendo's own standard controller, which can be purchased separately, there are several other new Super NES accessories out there that have special capabilities, such as Turbo and Slow Motion, that enhance game play.

SUPER ADVANTAGE

Asciiware, who actually made the NES Advantage that Nintendo of America then licensed from them, comes the Super Advantage. In addition to the eight regular buttons, it has both Auto Turbo and Variable Speed Turbo as well as adjustable Slow Motion. It is mounted on a stable base, has an extra-long cord, and features an eight-way directional joystick that delivers smooth, precise control. Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price: $49.99

SUPER NES

THE SN PROPAD

If you're one of those players who wants to know how everything works, pick up the SN ProPad from ASCII Entertainment. It has a rubber-covered cord that runs over the roof of a rectangular base. It has six buttons, Turbo and Slow Motion. Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price: $34.95

THE FIGHTER POWER

If you were one of the millions who enjoyed playing Street Fighter II in the arcades, you'll be pleased to know that you don't have to travel to the nearest arcade to get your fix of the game. The Super NES version of the game, the Fighter Power Stick from Capcom, is fast, an accurate joystick that offers features not found on the Turbo buttons. Although it's designed with Street Fighter II in mind, it is compatible with all Super NES games and sells for between $75-$80.

ONTROL

In case you haven't seen all of the Super NES accessories on store shelves in your area, this month we're taking a look at some controllers that are available now, some that are planned for the future, and some that are on the market in Japan but probably won't make it to the U.S.—at least not in their present forms. As always, we recommend that you look for Nintendo's Official Quality Seal before you buy any product to use with the Super NES. Products bearing the seal have been quality tested and are guaranteed to be completely compatible with our systems.

CONTROLLER

Nintendo's own Super NES Controller features eight buttons and is designed to fit the contour of your hands. Play it to experience super precise play control. Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price: $19.95

ASCIIPAD

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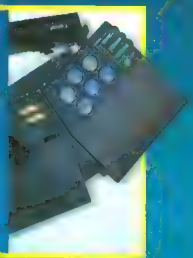

SUPER MULTITAP

The Super Multitap, from Hudson Soft U.S.A., Inc., plugs into port two of the Super NES and allows up to four more controllers to be used. Although the Multitap pictured is for the Super Famicom, a Super NES version will be available this fall. Hudson plans to sell it packaged with Super Bomberman. A price has not been determined.

THE SUPER SCOPE

SUPER NES SUPER SCOPE

Look for this symbol on games that are specially designed for use with the SuperScope.

Take aim! The Super NES Super Scope uses sophisticated infrared technology to read on-screen action with pin-point accuracy. It rests comfortably on the shoulder and can be used by either right- or left-handed players. The Super Scope comes complete with a special 6-in-1 Game Pak. Manufacturer's List Price: $59.99

Super Scope Games Now Available:

Battle Clash
Bazooka Blitzkrieg
The Hunt for Red October
Super Scope 6 (6-in-1 Game Pak)
Terminator 2: The Arcade Game
X-Zone

THE SUPER NES MOUSE

Look for this symbol on games that are specially designed for use with the Super NES Mouse.

SUPER NES MOUSE

Designed to fit comfortably in the palm of your hand, the Super NES Mouse lets you control the action with a simple click. It comes packaged with Mario Paint, which includes a game, Gnat Attack, that you can play to improve your dexterity with the Mouse. The list of Super NES games that are Mouse compatible is growing all the time. Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (with Mario Paint): $59.95

Super NES Mouse Games Available Either Now Or In The Near Future:

King Arthur's World
Mario Paint
SimAnt
Utopia
On the Ball
Troddlers
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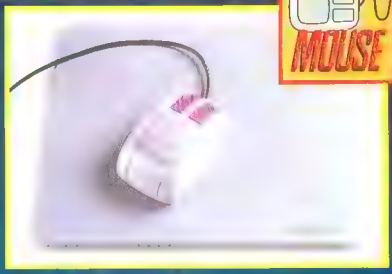


THE MIRACLE PIANO TEACHING SYSTEM

The Miracle makes taking piano lessons easy and fun, no matter what kind of music you want to learn. It teaches real music notation and proper fingering techniques and includes hundreds of customized lessons for learning rock, jazz, pop, classical or country styles. The system uses Artificial Intelligence technology to determine individual needs and create personalized exercises just for you. The keyboard itself can produce more than 128 digital instrument sounds and has 61 full-sized, velocity-sensitive keys. Available for both NES and Super NES, the Miracle Piano Teaching System comes complete with [illegible] keyboard [illegible]

WHAT YOU WON'T SEE AT YOUR LOCAL STORE

The accessories pictured on this page are for the Super Famicom and are currently available only in Japan, but you never know... some of them might eventually make it to the U.S.

J.B. King Joystick

The J.B. King controller has features that are similar to those of the Super Advantage, including adjustable Turbo for all buttons and variable Slow Motion. It has an 8-way joystick and a black casing.

Turbo File

With the Turbo [illegible] you can save data from [illegible] one game on the Turbo File and import it to the next game in the series when it comes out.

XE-1SFC

Called the intelligent Joystick, the XE-1SFC has 14 control buttons in all, as well as an LCD screen that displays various game modes and cheat-code information. You can assign whichever functions you want to the buttons you choose and store more than one configuration in the XE-1SFC's databank. It's definitely a cool controller, but it's spendy, selling for more [illegible]

Super Turbo

[illegible] produces this adapter that adds variable Turbo to a standard Super Famicom controller. It plugs in to the Control Deck, and to it.

Super L5

[illegible] for Role-Playing Games. It's designed so [illegible] hand, leaving the other hand free to draw maps or perform other necessary chores, like eating.

[illegible] turned on and off with the toggle [illegible] on the lower edge [illegible] the buttons themselves are on the back of the controller. The center plate with the Control Pad rotates so you can adjust it to fit your hand.

The Hyperbeam

[illegible] remote controller that's [illegible] one Famicom and the Super Famicom. It transmits an infrared beam to a

WHAT YOU MIGHT SEE SOON

Tyco is working on a very interesting adapter for the Super NES [illegible] like the Thrasher or the Power Pad. [illegible] in the control deck, then any Super NES compatible [illegible] can be plugged into it. Using the adapter, you will be able to change the functions specified for the various controller buttons. [illegible] like the configurations set by the game, you can change [illegible] For example, if a fighting game assigns the Select function to the X button and you'd prefer it to be B, you can reassign the function.

[illegible] compact version of the unit's brain (DMA), which allows [illegible] records, plays and assigns a combination of moves to [illegible] [illegible] Pressing a single button to perform combinations [illegible] will be particularly helpful with games such as Street Fighter II. If you're using Ken or Ryu, you must normally press Right [illegible] then Down and Right to perform the Rising Dragon Punch. You can, instead, record the moves in a macro and perform them using a single button. Now that's thrashing! Another great move to record would be Chun-Li's Inverted Hurricane Kick.

And that's not all. This adapter will have real Turbo and Slow Motion. Most controllers create Slow Motion by quickly pausing and un-pausing the game, which can result in a choppy scene at best. The Thrasher is smart—it can actually slow down the game clock. It also reads information from the Control Deck and the Game Pak to see how fast the combinations can operate so when you activate Turbo on your controller, you'll get the fastest possible.

Super fun it that Acclaim also has a new controller in the works. It's a [illegible] model with [illegible] Stay tuned to Pak Watch for more details as they become available!

POWER PLAYER'S CHALLENGE

High scores have flooded the mailroom this month! We have gotten such a great response from the Super Mario Kart Challenge that we've opened up a few more tracks. Try your hand at beating these times, or any of the other challenges. We can't wait to see the top scores next month, so send us your photos. Be sure to include your system in the photo when you take it. Good luck, and keep on playing!

CHALLENGE

SUPER MARIO KART

What are the best times you can get on Donut Plains 1, Ghost Valley 1, and Bowser Castle 1?

Send us your best Time Trial times

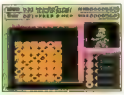
REVENGE OF THE GATOR

What is your highest score in the 1-player game?

Test out your pinball skills on this game!

YOSHI'S COOKIE

What is the highest score you can get in the 1-player game?



You can get higher scores on high speed

WORDTRIS

How high of a score can you get in the 1-player game?

Only the fastest of spellers will master this game

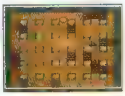
GRADIUS INTERSTELLAR ASSAULT

What is the highest score you can get in this space shooter?

Finish the game to get the highest score

BOMBERMAN 2

What is the highest score you can get when you play a 1-player game?



Don't Continue or you will lose your score

GIMEARTH

How many years does it take you to reach the Nanotech Age on a random planet when you play the Normal Level?

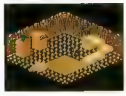
THE REN & STIMPY SHOW SPACE CADET ADVENTURES

What is the highest score you can get?

Take a photograph before the end of the game

SOLSTICE

What is the highest percent of rooms you can find?



You must find all 755 rooms to get 100%

POWER PLAYERS

SUPER MARIO KART

Best Time on Mario Circuit 1 Time Trial.

Ben Marshall Mountain Ranch, CA	1:03.64
Jody Perry West Brome, PQ	1:03:67
Ernest J. Congilando Maple Glen, PA	1:04:02
David Dill Evansville, IN	1:04:09
Bradley Palmer Fredericton, NB	1:04:52
Jason White Sacramento, CA	1:04:52
David Mitchell Spencer, MA	1:04:64
Joel Gelatetter Ballston Spa, NY	1:04:88

Best Time on Donut Plains 1.

Terry Munson Game Play Counselor	1:40:86

Best Time on Ghost Valley 1.

Tom Kristensen Game Play Counselor	1:16:48

Best Time on Bowser Castle 1.

Phil Honeywell Game Play Couselor	1:52:76

WORDTRIS

Highest Score in a 1-player Game.

Kim Racey Game Play Counselor	66,000

SIMCITY

Fastest Time to Megalopolis.

Bob & Grace Hocum Black Creek, NC	Mar. 1904
Peggy Johnsen Seattle, WA	Jan. 1907
Jim Ham Bison, KS	Jan. 1915

F-ZERO

Fastest Times on Mute City 1.

Justin Mazur New Albany, NY	1:57:99
Robert Butner Castro Valley, CA	1:58:98
Mike Walsh Scarborough, ON	1:59:34
Dan Zdrodowski Oldsmar, FL	1:59:92
Ed Goldner Pomton Plains, NJ	2:00:33
Jennifer Webb Cypress, CA	2:00:67

TETRIS

Most Lines in Game A.

Frank Westphal Iron Ridge, WI	194 Lines
Jerome Sus Des Plaines, IL	181 Lines
Joseph Lowery Philadelphia, PA	176 Lines

METRIOD II: RETURN OF SAMUS

Finished the game in the shortest time.

Andy Semple Waverley, NS	1:43
Byron Kask Campbell River, BC	2:07
Sam Schapperow Waterford, CT	2:11
Julien Valois Dobbie Saint-Romuald, PQ	8:50
David Jaguttis Edmonton, AB	9:45

TETRIS

Highest Scores on Game A.

Matt Spencer Ames, IA	609,620
Stuart Teper Brooklyn, NY	574,764
Glenn A. Iba Lexington, MA	562,788
Alec Nevala-Lee Castro Valley, CA	446,166
Carol A. Howel Salt Lake City, UT	418,938

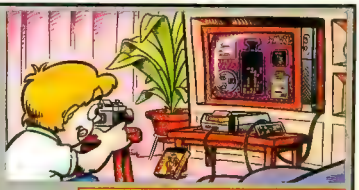
BOMBERMAN 1

Highest Score

Theresa Tibbs Game Play Counselor	4,739,800

WHAT A SCORE!

Send us your name and address with a photo of your accomplishment! To take a photo of an NES or Super NES game, use a 35mm camera without a flash. Turn out the lights in the room, hold the camera steady and take your best shot! To take a Game Boy photo, place your Game Boy on a flat surface, then take your photo using natural light. Make sure that the system is included in your photo. Nintendo is not responsible for lost or late mail. Scores printed are determined by the Nintendo Power staff. All decisions are final.



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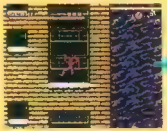
NINTENDO TOP SECRET POWER

FROM AGENT #612

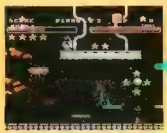
Extra Heros

Agent #612 has discovered a special trick that will allow you to build up extra heroes. After you have successfully passed the first Spider-Man Stage, you can choose any of the five stages to play next. In the Gambit Stage, you will gain an extra life each time you collect 100 stars. To build up your stars quickly, work your way through the stage until you find the fourth green globe. Position Gambit just to the left of the green globe, and jump over it, off the screen. If you land back to the spot you first jumped from without touching the globe, you will gain approximately 40 stars. If you continue jumping off the screen, you should be able build up 10 1-Ups before the giant spiked wheel catches up with you. If you don't finish the Gambit Stage until last, you can return and build up 99 extra heroes as often as you need.

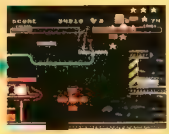


You must pass the Spider-Man Stage at the beginning of the game, before you can build up extra heroes.

Select the Gambit Stage and press Start to begin playing the stage

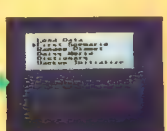


Work your way through the stage until you find the fourth green globe



Jump over the green globe at the top of the screen to build up your stars Be sure not to touch the globe

On the Title Screen, press Start to bring up the Main Menu.



Select the Scenario command, hold L, R, and Y then press A

Choose the world that you want to develop and press Start.

Desert Planet
Technology..Time Scale
You have to bring this planet back to life. Your goal is to terraform it, creating a moist habit on the air composition.
You have to bring your amount of Biomass to 80,000 and the sentient population to 1,000 within 500 years.

Each world will offer a new problem for you to solve!

FROM AGENT #026

Scenario Select

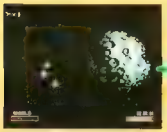
The SimEarth scenarios offer advanced players extra challenging worlds to develop. Normally, you must finish each world in order, and completng them can sometimes prove to be impossible. With this code you can play any of the eight scenarios at any time without having to finish them in order. On the Title Screen, press Start to go to the Main Menu. Select the Scenario command but don't press Start. Hold the L, R, and Y Buttons, then press the A Button to go to the Stage Select screen. Choose any of the eight scenarios and press the Start Button to begin playing. Each of the scenarios will offer players a different environmental problem to solve, so be sure to try them all.

Hold L, R, Y, then Press A.

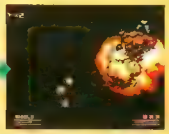
FROM AGENT #971

Secret Area

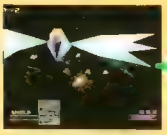
Our Agents have found another secret area in Star Fox, but this area leads you to a secret ending to the game. You can find the secret area while fighting in Stage 3-2, the Asteroid Belt. Shoot the second giant asteroid on the right side of the screen until it explodes. An egg flies out of it. Chase the egg, and when it hatches into a bird, fly into the bird's claws. You will warp to Out of this Dimension area. This area is filled with enemy paper airplanes and other vicious origami. You may find it tricky to work past these enemies because of the fluctuating background. At the end of the nebula is the Giant Slot Machine. To find the Secret Ending, shoot the arm of the slot machine until you hit the triple seven jackpot.



In Stage 3-2, shoot the second giant asteroid until it explodes.



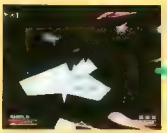
Chase after the egg that flies out of the exploding asteroid.



When the egg hatches into a bird, fly into its claws.

You will be warped to Out of this Dimension, an area of no return.

Secret Ending



Work your way through the nebula, avoiding the paper airplanes.

Shoot the arm of the Giant Slot Machine until you hit the jackpot.

FROM AGENT #309

Kumate Warp

Our Agents have found a trick that will allow you to enter a Powered-Up fighter into the Kumite mode of the game. At the Title Screen, press the Start Button to go to the Main Menu screen. Move the cursor to the Option block and press Select. On the Option Screen, select the Password block in the top left corner and enter RHT255457K as your password. Your character's attributes will be completely maxed out at 99%. Return to the Main Menu Screen and use the Next Boxer block to cycle through the boxers. Select Ivanov as your opponent and challenge him to a match. After you defeat him you can enter the Kumate mode of the game. In the Kumate, select the PAD vs. SNES box until both characters look the same. If you defeat the mirror image, all of the opponents from the regular tournament will appear in the Kumate.

On the Option Screen, select the Password block in the top left corner.

Enter the Password RHT255457K. All of your character's attributes will be maxed out.

Select Ivanov as your next opponent and challenge him to a match.

After defeating Ivanov, you can enter the Kumate with your Powered-Up character.

Select the PAD vs. SNES box until both characters look the same.

After you defeat the mirror image, extra fighters will appear in the Kumate.

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FROM AGENT #946

Arcade Mode

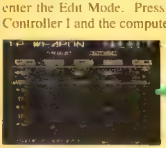
Our Agents have found three new codes for the Super NES game, Gradius III. The first code will allow expert game players to try an even harder version of the game. On the Title Screen, select the Option command and press Start. In the Option Mode of the game, highlight the Game Level, then rapidly press the A Button until the game level changes to ARCADE. Press Start twice to begin the game. You can play the more difficult level on either the one- or two-player games.

On the Title screen, select the Option command and press Start to go to the Option Mode.

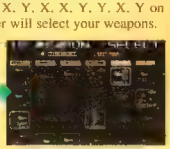
Highlight the Game Level option, then rapidly press the A Button until ARCADE appears.

Weapon Select

For added challenge, you can enter this code that will allow the computer to randomly select your weapons. After selecting the Game Mode, press Start to enter the Weapon Select screen. Press Right on the Control Pad to enter the Edit Mode. Press X, Y, X, X, Y, Y, X, Y on Controller I and the computer will select your weapons.



On the Weapon Select screen, press Right on the Control Pad to enter the Edit Mode.



Press X, Y, X, X, Y, Y, X, Y and the computer will select all of your weapons.

Demo Mode

You can extend the length of the Demo at the beginning of the game by entering the following code. On the Title Screen press and hold the A Button. If you continue to hold the A Button, the game will run through the introduction and the entire first stage of the Arcade Mode, all the way to the Boss.

On the Title Screen, press and hold the A Button to see the Demo Mode.

The Demo Jets through the entire first stage, all the way to the Boss.

FROM AGENT #451

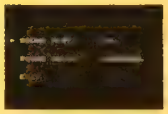
Special Passwords

You can enter the passwords below to change different elements of On the Ball by Taito. The Ball Change option will allow you to choose from among five different balls, including Robbie from the Bubble Bobble games. You can switch between different pulls of gravity using the Gravity Change Password. With the Sound Test and Best Time passwords you can check out all the music of the game, as well as all of the record times throughout the game. You can enter more than one password at a time.

Ball Change.....GFXJF
Gravity Change.....ZLJPJ
Sound Test.....NRRRP
Best Time.....ZNGGX

Enter the Password G F X J F to change the style of your ball.

With the Gravity Change you can play under the gravitational conditions of any planet.



Use the Sound Test password to check out the different music in the game.

All of the Best Times can be seen by entering the password Z N G G X.

FROM AGENT #588

Continue Code

Agent #588 has sent for the classic game Sky Kid. This code will allow you to continue the game on the stage where you last left off. After you have lost your last airplane, hold Down and Left on Controller II, then wait a few seconds. When the Title Screen appears, press Start on Controller I to continue your game. You can use this code to continue as many times as you need to finish the game.

After the game is over, hold Down and Left on Controller II, and press Start on Controller I.

You will start at the beginning of the last stage you played.

FROM AGENT #102

Special Game Select

If you can finish Round 10 - Stage 10 of Yoshi's Cookie on the NES, you will receive a code that will allow you access to the later stages of the game. Agent #102 was able to complete this task, and sent us the code. On the one-player game, set the music to OFF, the speed to HIGH, and the round to 10. Hold Up on Controller I and press Select. The screen should now read "Round 11." You can advance to higher levels by pressing the Select Button again.

After finishing all of Round 10, wait a second to receive the code.

Set up the game for Round 10, High Speed, with the music off.

Hold Up on Controller I and press the Select Button to advance the rounds.

The Bonus Rounds feature Mario Bros. characters instead of the normal cookies.

FROM AGENT #494

Continue Code

Normally, when you play Bump'n Jump on the NES, you have to start at the beginning of the game when your game is over. With this code you can continue the game from the beginning of the stage that you last played. After you have lost your last car, wait until the Game Over screen, then hold Select on Controller I and the A and B Buttons on Controller II. While holding these buttons, quickly press Start twice on Controller II.

Hold Select on Controller I, and both A and B on Controller II.

While holding these buttons, Press Start on Controller I twice to continue.

BE A TOP SECRET AGENT

A popular activity among Nintendo game players is developing tips and strategies. If you would like to share your own special tips with us, send them in! Choose your own three digit agent number and be sure to include it with your codes.

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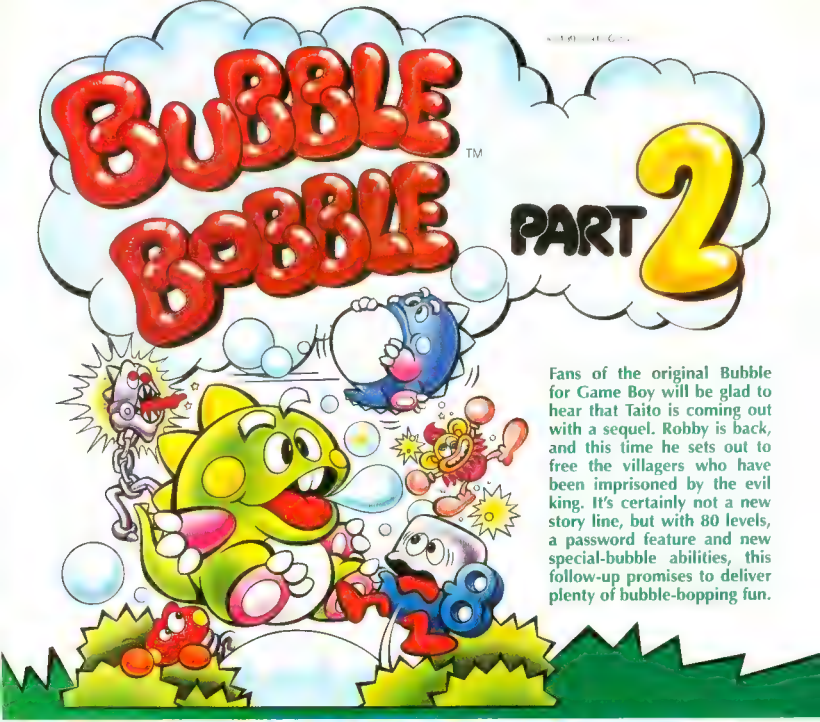
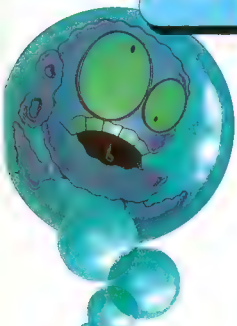
BUBBLE BOBBLE™ PART 2



Fans of the original Bubble for Game Boy will be glad to hear that Taito is coming out with a sequel. Robby is back, and this time he sets out to free the villagers who have been imprisoned by the evil king. It's certainly not a new story line, but with 80 levels, a password feature and new special-bubble abilities, this follow-up promises to deliver plenty of bubble-bopping fun.

BURST YOUR BUBBLE



POP TO IT

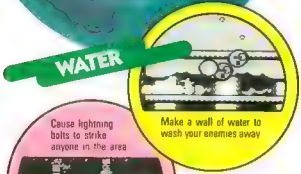
Like its predecessor, Bubble Bobble Part 2 has clean graphics and responsive play control. Robby defeats enemies by encasing them in bubbles that he then pops. He earns Power-Up items or points for every baddie-in-a-bubble that he pops.

FOUR AREAS, 20 ROUNDS EACH

The 80 levels offer plenty of variety, and they become more challenging as you go. Robby begins with only three lives and three hearts in his Life Meter, so it's a good thing that you can use a password to continue with your progress intact.

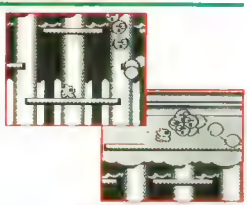
BUBBLE BAUBLES

There are lots of items to pick up when you break bubbles and bust bad guys. If you collect letters that spell EXTEND, you'll earn a 1-Up. If you find five Crystals, a secret door that leads to a Bonus Room will appear. When you break bubbles that contain enemies, you'll earn food or special ability items.


WATER
Make a wall of water to wash your enemies away
THUNDER
Cause lightning bolts to strike anyone in the area
FIRE
Create a row of fireballs to fry the bad guys

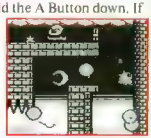
RIDE THE AIR WAVES

The air flow varies from round to round, so send out a stream of bubbles as soon as you enter a new area. You'll need to know how the air's flowing in the new area so you'll know where you need to go to find and burst bubbled-up enemies. Special bubbles and the letters you need to spell EXTEND follow the air-flow pattern, too.



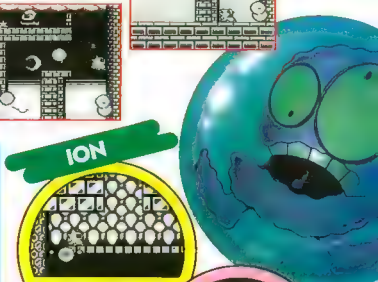
BUBBLE BOUNCE

If you need a lift, try riding a bubble. Throw out a bubble then jump and hold the A Button down. If you time it right, you'll start bouncing on the bubble. It will take you on whatever path it's following. If you jump on bubbles without holding the A Button down, you'll pop them.



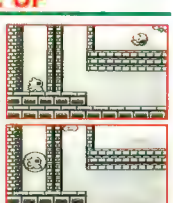
Bubble Bobble Part 2 incorporates an interesting mix of bubbles that, when popped, create special effects like floods and falling stars. Some of the effects will be familiar to those who played the original, but three new ones show up in this version.

- 16 Small Food Items (100 Pts.)
- 5 Large Food Items (10,000 Pts.)
- 18 Special Ability Items


ION
Free a star that drops a sprinkle of deadly sparks
STAR
Send a star whirling and shooting at your enemies
WIND
Cause a gust to twist up and clear the way ahead

BUBBLE UP

Another way to rise above it all is to encase Robby in a big bubble that you can control. To create the big bubble, hold the B Button down until you fill the bubble-ometer in the lower right area of the screen. Robby will begin to flash, then he'll pop into a big bubble. Keep an eye on the meter—when it expires, the bubble disappears. You don't want to be floating over a dangerous area when the meter runs out.



FOX ON THE RUN

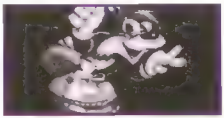
The object is to reach the goal in each Level while collecting as many Diamond Boxes as possible. Scoring 100 Diamond Boxes awards Titus with an extra life. The only weapon Titus can use are Boxes. He can pick them up and throw them at enemies

GET FOXY!

Titus has pretty good springs, but he can't jump as high when he's carrying a Box. Here's the trick: throw a Box high on a ledge, then jump up to it and pick the Box up again

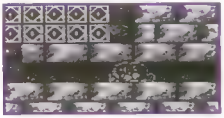
COOL GRAPHICS

It looks like Titus has been cut and pasted onto the backgrounds. There's an outline around him that makes him easier to see against the backgrounds. What a cool idea!



EASY, YOU SAY?

Veteran gamers should have no trouble finishing Titus the Fox on Easy mode, but winning on the Hard mode will take some doing. It's like playing with a turbocharger kicked on!



SLY AS A FOX

Titus can only take five hits from enemies before he loses a life. One of the most disappointing things about the game is that you have to press the Start Button to go to a subscreen and view your Energy Meter. There's nothing on the main screen that indicates how much energy you have left. The subscreen also gives you your score, number of lives remaining and the number of Diamond Boxes you have collected.

BOXES & BALLOONS

Pressing the B Button, Titus will pick up Boxes and Balloons. Pressing the B Button again causes Titus to chuck the Item in the direction that he is facing. The Boxes are used to take out enemies. The Balloons won't damage any enemies, but Titus can bounce on them to reach higher platforms.

BONUS STAGES

After completing each Level, Titus will be given a chance to high-tail it through a Bonus Stage where he'll have a Diamond Boxfest. The idea is to grab as many of the Boxes as you can before the 100 ticks on the timer run off.

SECRET STAIRWAYS

Just when it seems like there's no way to get up to a certain area. Poof! A hidden stairway will begin to form in front of Titus's own eyes. There are many secret stairways and secret passages that will open up to allow Titus to reach hidden rooms.

TAKE IT AND RUN

A bit of strategy will come into play in certain areas where Titus finds many platforms and many enemies. Titus can grab a Balloon and place it in an opportunistic location. He can then grab a Box and, while holding the Box, use the Balloon to bounce himself up to a waiting platform.

OUT-FOX YOUR FRIEND

One of the best things about this game is that it's a two-player simultaneous game. In fact, it's been touted as the very first platform game with two-player simultaneous action for Game Boy. So there. Using a Game Link cable, two foxes can team up on their way to Marrakech and back.

DOUBLE-UP

Different strategies can be employed in the two-player mode. For example, if Titus is holding a Balloon, Zorro can jump on and spring off of the Balloon that his cousin, Titus is holding.

PLAY ON AND ON

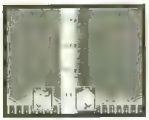
Along the way to Marrakech and back, Titus will encounter 17 Levels. It's a rather large game and should provide plenty of play value for someone in need of a new Game Boy challenge.

RAGING FIGHTER™

As a member of the select group of martial arts masters, your job is to protect the people of the Alpha Universe. To keep their skills honed, an annual tournament is held to crown the Mightiest Mortal. As each fighter advances in the tournament, the competition grows fiercer. Only the strongest of these masters will win the title. Do you have what it takes to be the best?

RAGING FIGHTER RAGES!

Konami's Raging Fighter brings all of the one-on-one fighting action of a street fighter game to Game Boy. Street fighting fans can choose from seven different fighters and test their skills in four different styles of tournaments. Each fighter has a variety of attacks, including at least two special attacks that inflict extra damage. The special attacks are easy to work and street fighting fans will find them natural to use. Large characters and smooth animation make the graphics of this game top rate. The only major drawback to the game is the lack of a pause function. While it adds to the challenge of the tournament, playing straight through without a break can be frustrating. Overall, the strong graphics and great play control offer players hours of challenging fun.



FIGHTER PROFILES

Each character in Raging Fighter has his or her own set of skills. Each fighter is a unique combatant in the tournament. Below, you will find a brief description of each fighter's style to help you select your favorite. The meter will help you determine how the characters compare across five different abilities. Find the fighter who matches your style, then test your skills against the others in the tournament.

TAO

If you can catch the enemy by surprise, the Scissors Slash will inflict massive damage on them. When you jump over an opponent, use the painful Skull Cracker Tao's defenses tend to be weak, so stay on the attack.

STRENGTH 4
SPEED 8 DEFENSE 8
MOBILITY 9 ENDURANCE 4

VANDAL

Vandal's Windmill Whip per fuck is a good defense against most special attacks. He is a strong kicker and attacks well from a distance. The Somer-Assault attack is a great finishing move when you back the enemy into the corner

STRENGTH 8
SPEED 7 DEFENSE 8
MOBILITY 8 ENDURANCE 5

ASKA

Aska has average endurance and strength but poor mobility. His T 2-3 Kick is a three part kick that can do high damage, if it connects The Flash Blast is a unique fireball that flies under oncoming fireballs

STRENGTH 5
SPEED 5 DEFENSE 8
MOBILITY 6 ENDURANCE 7

BULK

This guy is a tank. He has high strength and defensive ability, but is way too slow. His only quick move is the Head Banger. If you get a chance to jump over an opponent, you can elbow drop onto him for extra damage.

STRENGTH 9
SPEED 1 DEFENSE 9
MOBILITY 2 ENDURANCE 10

MIYABI

Though she is highly mobile, Miyabi lacks in strength and endurance. Use the Cannonball Crunch to attack opponents from above. The Destructo Spin can be a very effective attack if you catch your opponent by surprise.

STRENGTH 3
SPEED 10 DEFENSE 4
MOBILITY 10 ENDURANCE 4

RUOH

The Fist O' Fire attack is a fireball that keeps enemies at bay. If your opponent gets too close, you can use the Jaw Breaker uppercut or a powerful throw to floor them. If all else fails, use low kicks to drive off attacks.

STRENGTH 6
SPEED 6 DEFENSE 7
MOBILITY 7 ENDURANCE 6

SHADES

Shades is similar to Ruoh in his method of attack. The Ball of Fury and the Knuckle Buster are identical to Ruoh's attacks. If an opponent gets too close, low kicks are more effective than a throw at driving off an opponent.

STRENGTH 8
SPEED 6 DEFENSE 7
MOBILITY 7 ENDURANCE 7

2-PLAYER ACTION

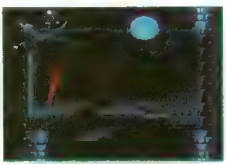
COUNSELORS' CORNER!

PRINCE OF PERSIA

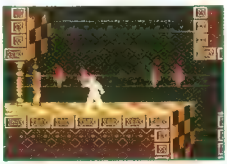
HOW DO I CROSS THE GAP WHERE THE BRIDGE WAS IN LEVEL 15?

Alan Belardinelli

Near the end of Level 15 you'll see a bridge over a gap, but when you approach it, Jaffar will destroy it. The gap will be too wide for you to jump. You'll need to team up with your Double in order to cross the gap. To do so, head to the right until you meet your Double, who will challenge you to fight. As soon as the fight begins, press Down on the Control Pad to put your sword away. Your Double will do the same. When the swords are sheathed, run into your Double to become one with it. Now you can return to the gap and jump safely across because your Double will use his ghostly power to keep you from falling.



When Jaffar destroys the bridge, it appears that there is no way to cross the gap.

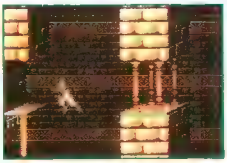


Press Down on the Control Pad to put your sword away as soon as the fight starts.

After your Double joins you, you'll have the power to jump across the gap.

HOW DO I REACH THE DOOR IN LEVEL 18?

The Door in Level 18 causes problems because many players try to grab the platform above the Door. Step on the Trigger, do a running jump to the left across the gap, then run off the screen. Jump again when you reach the edge of the third platform. Just after you jump, release the jump button so you'll fall at an angle. Hold the A Button so you'll catch the ledge of the Door itself, not the platform.



Jump when you reach the end of the third platform, then release the jump button.

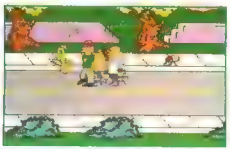
Hold the A Button as you fall at an angle. Catch the Door itself, not the ledge above it.

THE SIMPSONS: BART'S NIGHTMARE

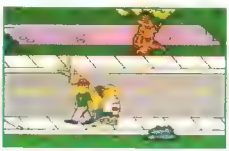
HOW DO I GET AWAY FROM JIMBO AND THE GANG?

Todd Gardiner

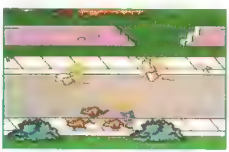
In Bart's Nightmare, Jimbo and his gang of thugs terrorize the streets of Windy World. If they catch up with Bart, they trap him and force him to go along with them. He not only loses Z's as long as he's with them, they often force him in to deadly situations. To escape, jump and touch a Saxaphone. The Sax summons a Lisa Fairy, who will cast a spell on the gang members. The spell will turn the gangsters into rats that scurry off, leaving Bart behind to wander the streets looking for his homework.



Jimbo and his gang roam the streets of Windy World



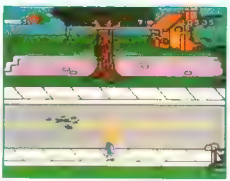
If Bart falls under their spell, he loses all his stars



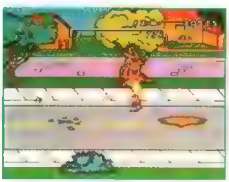
Summon the Lisa Fairy—she'll turn them into rats

HOW CAN I GET OUT OF THE SUIT?

Bart may like his casual attire, but Principal Skinner has something a bit more formal in mind for him. He walks the streets of Windy World carrying a suit on a hanger. If Bart touches the suit, he immediately spins into it. He can't have much fun while wearing the suit because he can't collect Z's and he can't use weapons. To get out of it, he must jump (not step) into a Mud Puddle. When Bart dives in, he loses the suit.



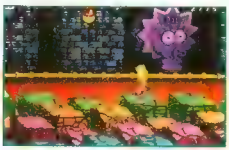
If Bart touches the suit, he instantly spins into it. He can't collect Z's while wearing it



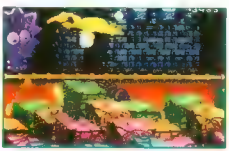
What is a suited-up Bart likely to do? Jump into a Mud Puddle, of course

HOW CAN I AVOID MAGGIE'S PACIFIER?

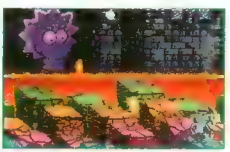
In Maggie's Temple, Bart has more to worry about than just the pillars of stone that disappear when he jumps onto them. He also has to dodge the perilous Pacifiers that are spit out by huge stone replicas of his little sister when he enters their line of fire. To avoid the menacing missiles, jump to the last safe block and stop there. Using the R Button on your Super NES controller, scroll to the right. When the stone head comes into view, it'll pop its Pacifier and you'll be able to pass safely and Indy Bart can continue his adventure.



Stop on the block that puts Bart as close to Maggie as he can come without being Pacified



Scroll to the right until Maggie spits her Pacifier out



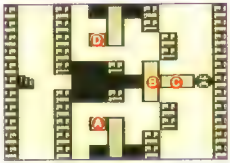
With the Pacifier out of the picture, the coast is clear and Bart can continue

KWIRK

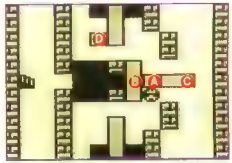
HOW DO I SOLVE LEVEL 2, ROOM 3?

Greg Richardson

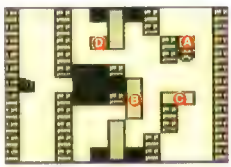
Your goal in this room is to create a walkway that will run to the left through the two brick columns all the way over to the room with the door. You'll use blocks A, C and D to fill the black space and make the walkway. First, push the tall, vertical piece, B, one space to the left. Walk down to the space below block A. Shove it up one square and then slide it over next to the bricks on the right. Now push block A up one more space, stopping when it's between B and C. Walk around the end of C and slide B down one space. Move A up two spaces and shift C down one. Now you can push block A around to the other side of the bricks. Go to block D and slide it down and over to rest on the second space below A. To cover the black spaces in the middle of the screen, shove C up and left over between the columns, then finish the connection with blocks A and D.



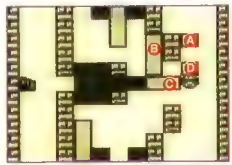
This is how the room looks when you first enter. Start by pushing the B block to the left.



Slide the square A block up one, to the right and against the bricks, then up between B and C.



Shove B down and A up two spaces while you move C down. Put A in the upper right.

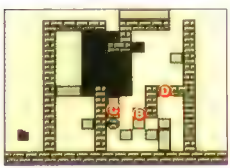


Move block D to the position shown, then push C up and over. Finish with A and D.

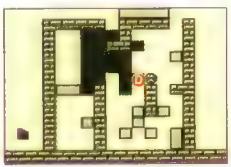
WHAT IS THE SOLUTION TO LEVEL 2, ROOM 8?

There's a big, black hole in the center of Room 8. You'll fill in the lower left corner and use three small, square blocks to complete a walkway to the opening in the center, above. From the starting configuration, push the upper square block all of the way to the left, then shove the other square, on the right, down a space so you can push the vertical block over one. Next, slide the vertical block down and left one space. Shift block A over and down above block B, then push B down one. Now you can slide C over and up into the black area. Go back down to the right, push the short vertical block over against the wall, then shove D up and over into the black space. Use two square blocks from the lower right to bridge the rest of the gap. Push the short horizontal bar on the left all the way down, then slide the square up into the black space above. Use the square blocks from the lower right to fill the rest of the space.

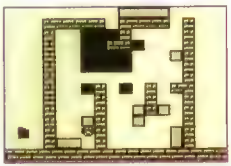
After you move the two square blocks, push the vertical block over and down.



Slide block A over and down, then push B down and C over to the left against the bricks.



Move C up, then go to the lower right, press the vertical block right, and shift D up and over.

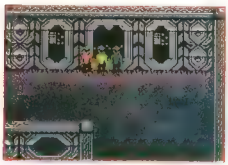

Fill in this black square, then use three square blocks to make a path to the open rig above.

STAR TREK

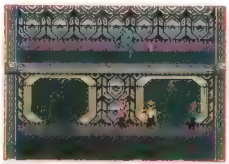
HOW DO I GET THE Y MODULE IN THE FROZEN COLONY ON LEKYTHOS?

Kevin Hunter

You'll have to be creative to get the Y Module from the frozen colony on the planet of Lekythos. You can't enter the room where the Y Module waits because a force field won't permit you to pass. Only inanimate objects can pass through the field. To get the module, go to the room above the area where you found the Trash. Have Spock operate the computer there to turn on the maintenance robots. Once activated, they will pass through the force field and begin to clean the room. As they approach the Y Module, stand directly above it and throw the Trash onto it. A robot will pick up the module as it cleans up the room. When the cleaning robot leaves the room, destroy it. Among its remains you'll find the Y Module. After you've recovered the module, you can use it in the colony's computer system to awaken the area's inhabitants, who are currently in cryogenic storage.



Go to the room above the place where you found the Trash and have Spock operate the compute.

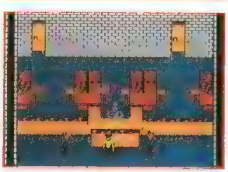


Stand directly under the Y Module and throw the Trash on top of it as the robot approaches.

After you defeat the robot, you'll be able to pick up the Y Module and use it to wake the people.

HOW DO I GET INTO THE PRINT SHOP ON IOTIA?

Have McCoy revive the unconscious man in the Casino. When he comes to, he'll ask for the "rocks." If you give him the diamond, he'll give you the counterfeiting plates in return. Turn them in to the police. The policemen will arrest the print shop guard when they get the plates. After they leave with the guard, go to the back door and pick the lock using the Hairpin. Next, use the Bone to enter the shop.



When the police get the cards on the plates, they'll bust the counterfeiters.

When the guard is gone, use the Hairpin to pick the print shop's back door.

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A STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE TO:

DESTINY OF AN EMPERIOR

A COUNSELORS' CORNER EXTRA

This month we've expanded Counselors' Corner to include a bare-bones, step by-step guide that will walk you through Destiny of an Emperor, one the more challenging role-playing games produced for the NES. Capcom based the game on actual events that took place in China during the tumultuous second century. known as the Later Han Era, and retained the real names of the Chinese Warlords involved in the power struggle. The people at that time were plagued by a ruthless band called the Yellow Scarves. Three Warlords answered the peoples' cries for help and set out to restore peace in China

DEFEAT THE YELLOW SCARVES

Begin the game in the town of Lou Sang and follow these steps to find and defeat the Yellow Scarves.

1. Talk to everyone in town. Get money and food from one of the villagers.

2. Visit Xu Zhou, Qing Zhou, Mt. Da Xing and Tie Men Xia. At each place, search for weapons and armor and talk to everyone to get information about the Yellow Scarves.

3. Convert Han Zhong to add him to your party. Go to Qing Zhou Cave and enter to fight the three leaders of the Yellow Scarves, Zhang Jao, Zhang Bao and Zhang Liang.

4. Return to Xu Zhou and go talk to the ailing Tao Qian, who lies in a bed behind the Throne Room. He will ask Liu Bei to serve as the acting emperor, then he will give you information about Dong Zhou, who is terrorizing Lui Yang.

Tao Qian is very ill. When you've defeated the Yellow Scarves, he will ask Liu Bei to act as emperor in his stead

CONQUER DONG ZHOU AND YUAN SHU

5. Travel to Fan Shui Guan and search through Fan Shui Cave to find the Gold Key.

6. Next, go to Hu Lao Guan then continue to Luo Yang. Use the Gold Key in Luo Yang to get the Gemsword.

7. Go to Yang Zhou Castle and use the Gemsword to persuade Lu Bu to join you.

8. Continue through Yang Zhou Cave and then move on to Chang An. Defeat Dong Zhou in the castle there, then invite your emperor, Liu Bei, to the castle. Talk to him to get the latest news about Yuan Shu.

9. Journey to Yuan, Huai Nan and Chen Cang. At Chen Cang, get the letter of introduction, which you can use later to obtain information.

10. Go to Nan Yang, defeat Yuan Shu, then invite Liu Bei to the castle. Talk to everyone to learn what you can about Yuan Shao's plans to avenge Yuan Shu's death.

CHALLENGE YUAN SHAO AND LIU DU

11. Travel north from Nan Yang until you encounter Yuan Shao. You cannot defeat him at this point. After you're defeated, try going north again. This time you'll make it.

12. Go to Bo Hai Castle and get the Gun Powder. Use the powder in Bo Hai to free Xu Zhe, aka Dan Fu.

13. Return to Bo Hai Castle. Now that Xu Zhe is in your party, you'll be able to exit through the upper castle area.

14. Journey to the village east of Bo Hai to get the Zhou Letter. Use it to recruit Zhao Yun at Guang Zong Castle.

15. Go to Ji Zhou, defeat Yuan Shao, then invite Liu Bei to the castle. He'll ask you to stop the fighting in Jing Zhou.

16. Visit the following places in the order listed: Yi Ji's house, Ma Shu's house, Zhu Ge Liang's house, Ma Liang's house, Wu Ling, Chang Sha and Gui Yang. At Gui Yang, Zhao Fan will ask you to rest. Tell him "No" until he fights you.

17. To restore peace, go to Ling Ling and defeat Liu Du.

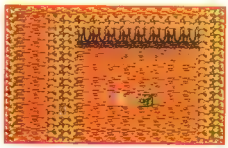
ENTER SHU AND RESTORE PEACE

18 Find Zhu Ge Liang. He's the best strategist in the game, and he must be a member of your party before you can enter Shu. If you go to his house, you'll be told that he isn't home. To find out more about him, go to Shui Jing's house, where he's known as Fu Long, and ask around. Someone there will put you on the path to finding him.

19 Travel beyond Shu and Shu Village to reach Fu Shui. Once there, rescue Liu Zheng from the prison, which you enter by way of the Throne Room's upper right door. To free him, stand next to the door, face up, and push until the door breaks open. If it doesn't open with the leader you've selected, try using one of your other generals, who may be in stronger condition.

20 Visit Lui, then go to the Mt. Gang Tai Cave to find the Iron Ore. Take the ore to the Blacksmith's house

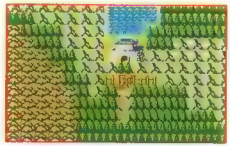
21 Continue through Mt. Gang Tai Cave to Mian Zhu Guan, then journey to Cheng Du. Defeat Liu Zheng there, then invite Liu Bei to the castle and talk to him



You'll find Iron Ore in the Mt. Gang Tai Cave. Take it with you, to the Blacksmith

22 Return to the Blacksmith's house for clues at this point.

23 Go back to Cheng Du and talk to Liu Bei. Guan Yu and Zhang Fei will leave your party, and you will receive the news that Jing Zhou province is once again in trouble.



Return to Cheng Du to talk to Liu Bei. He'll tell you about trouble in Jing Zhou

SAVE JING ZHOU AND DEFEAT SUN QUAN

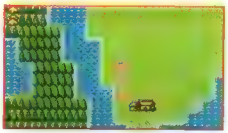
24 Talk to Guan Yu at Chang Sha and Zhang Fei at Gui Yang. Next, visit Wu Ling, Ling Ling and Cheng Du.

25 Talk to Liu Bei, who will send you after Sun Quan. When you return to Gui Yang after talking to Liu Bei, you'll find a bridge that leads to the south.

26 Go to Jian An Castle to get the Deadwood and to Jian An Cave to get the Saltpeter. When you give both items to a man in the castle, he will blow up the canal south of the castle.

27 Travel through Hui Ji and Wu Castle to reach Wu Cave. Continue through Wu Cave to Po Yang and Jin Du. As an optional step, you can defeat the pirates at the Pirate's Inn to get the Qing Long Sword, which has the Attack Power of 240.

28 Now travel to Jian Ye and defeat Sun Quan. Invite Liu Bei to the castle and talk to him. He will ask you to take on Cao Pi.

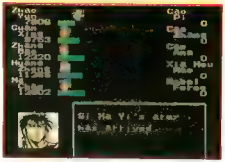


TAKE ON CAO PI AND SI MA YI

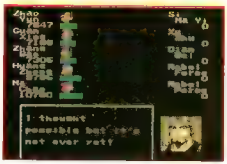
29 Go first to Guang Ling, next to Hei Fei, then to Ru Nan. At Ru Nan, you will battle Cao Pi. When you defeat him, you will come up against Si Ma Yi.

30 Pick your way through first Ru Nan Cave then the Last Cave. When you reach Chen Liu, you'll fight Si Ma Yi again. He will escape and head for Luo Yang.

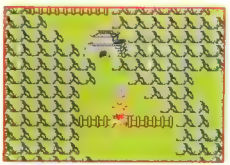
31 Travel to Chin and use a Gullwing to return to Xu Zhou. From there, you can go to Luo Yang, where the final fight will take place.



After you defeat Cao Pi, you'll come face-to face with your final foe



When Si Ma Yi flees this time, he makes a beeline for Luo Yang



You can travel from Xu Zhou to Luo Yang for your last battle with Si Ma Y

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REMEMBER, SON, GET YOURSELF A CAPE AND USE THE CAPE ATTACK WHENEVER A HEART IS IN THE AREA.
CAPE ATTACK, HEARTS. GOT IT!
PSSST! DON'T LISTEN TO BATMAN!
USE THE CAPE! NOW!
USE THE CAPE! DON'T LISTEN! USE THE CAPE! DON'T LISTEN!
BRILLIANT! HE'S PARALYZED FROM THE NECK UP!
SOMETIMES IT'S JUST TOO EASY!
DON'T LISTEN! DON'T LISTEN!
DAN SPIEGLE

POWER PUZZLERS

Test your skills and knowledge at Nintendo games by completing the puzzles on this page.

1. Answer all of the questions below, by filling in the spaces provided.

The numbered spaces will be used in the second half of the puzzle to find a code for Super Mario Kart.
HINT: All of the answers can be found in this month's issue of Nintendo Power.

A Whose Cookie?

B The star of page 82.

C What game is number 11 on the Super NES Top 20?

D Where do you start in Destiny of an Emperor?

E What is the volume number of the next issue of Nintendo Power?

F What is the name of Fox McCloud's spaceship?

G Which Star Fox character is a natural flier?

H Whose world do the Battletoads visit in their Game Boy adventure?

I Who has the best Super Mario Kart time on Donut Plains 1?

J Who is the fastest fighter in Raging Fighter? Who is the slowest?

K What are Rash, Pimple and Zitz?

L What is the Sound Test password for On the Ball?

M The Super NES has 32,000 of these.

N What is the title of the Super NES accessories article?

2. Place the letters in the numbered parentheses into the corresponding spaces below.

Enter this Super Mario Kart code and you will be able to select the Special Cup tracks in the Time Trials. Go to the Time Trials and put the cursor on the Mushroom Cup before you enter the code.

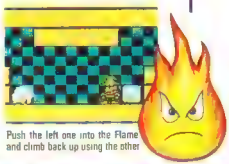
HOT . . . AND COOL

This month Tecmo follows up an old favorite, Solomon's Key, with a compelling new puzzle game for the NES. The story is the same old thing: Young adventurer sets out to save the people from an evil sorcerer. The twist in this game is that the hero's only weapon is a wand that creates Blocks of ice.

CHILL OUT

The evil sorcerer is destroying Coolmint Island, home of the winter fairies, by slowly melting it with small Flames. Dana, the young wizard sent to save the day, can put the Fires out by making Blocks of ice and either shoving or dropping them onto the Flames

Put three Cubes together then remove the one in the center.



Push the left one into the Flame and climb back up using the other

COOLMINT ISLAND

The overworld map shows the nine places you can enter on the frozen island. Many more await in other areas

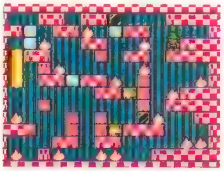
MAKE YOUR OWN COOL ROOMS

The game has a way-cool Edit Mode that lets you make up your own puzzles, solvable or not. Put together pieces of pipe, build walls, and place stones to create your room, then put in Flames, jars and, of course, Dana. See if you can perplex your friends with rooms that you've designed.

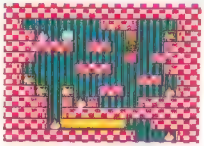
NP ORIGINALS

You won't see the rooms shown below in your regular game – they're ones we designed to try to stump you. Recreate them using the Edit Mode in your own game and see if you can come up with their solutions.

The edit mode is cool – but you can't save your designs



The temperature is rising rapidly in this room – look at all of those Fires!



Dana seems to be stuck in the middle between Flames and burning jars

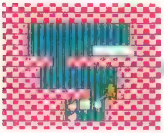
It looks like you'll have to pop into the pipe to get started here

ROOM 1-7

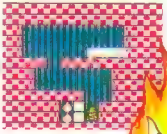
Dana can place or remove Ice Blocks only from the two spaces on his right and left in the row immediately below him. He can push single Ice Blocks both left and right, but he must be standing on the same level that they are.

Slide the Cube off the end of the row, clear the space next to it, then use it to put out the Flame

Next, drop a Block onto the platform below. Jump down to the left and push it into to the Flame pit



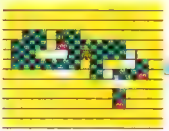
The Ice Cube on the left will drop when you remove the one to its right



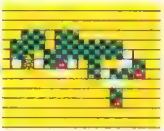
Stack two Ice Blocks, then jump down and put out the Fires

ROOM 2-7

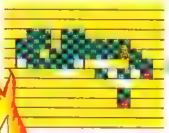
Plot your moves in advance so you don't end up stuck in a pit with no way to get up to the Fires above. First, douse the Flame on Dana's left, then move to the right side of the room and remove the solid Block from underneath the upper right Ice Cube



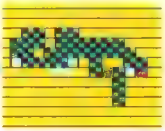
In Room 2-7, your first task is to put out the Fire to Dana's left. First, push a Cube to the left



Climb up and remove the Cube on the left under the Fire. When it drops, shove a Block into the Flame



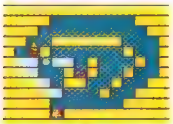
Take the Block from beneath the upper Cube



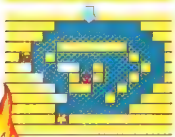
Now drop down and put out the lower Fire first. Fill in the gap and finish the job

ROOM 6-5

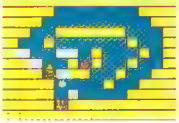
In Room 6-5, Dana must first go down to the left and rearrange some Blocks there. Next, he'll climb back up and drop down to the right. He'll make a Block and slide it to the left so he can climb up the center.



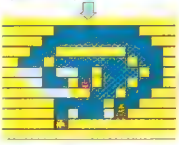
Hop down to the left and remove this Cube, then face to the left to place one next to the wall.



Stand beside the wall, face right, and remove the Block next to the one Dana's standing on.

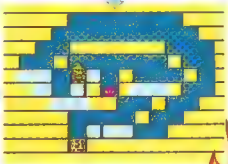


Stand on the lower Block and create one to its right. Remove the left one so the right one will drop.



Go up, over and down to the lower right. Make a Block and slide it to the left.

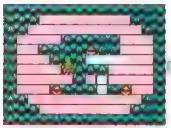
Hop up the Blocks and put a Block in the gap above the Fire. Remove the Block beside it.



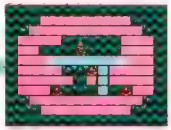
Replace the Block you just removed, then remove the one above the Fire. Cool!

ROOM 7-2

This puzzle is easier to solve than it first appears to be. The trick is to use the upper Flame to make the Blocks fall where you want them to. Begin by adding one Block to the double stack on the right.



Stop the gap in front of Dana, then slide a Block over to tap the two on the right. Now open the gap again.



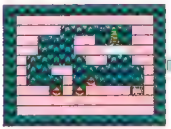
Climb to the highest point you can and build a bridge over to the Fire. Make it fall to the pink Block below.

Remove Blocks from the left and right, as shown.

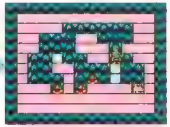
When you shove the bottom Block to the right, the rest fall into place.

ROOM 7-6

Dana starts out on the upper ledge. Once he goes down to the lower level, he's stuck there, so he has to place some strategic Blocks before descending. First, go up and over to the left and drop one Block.



Before he takes that big first step down, drop a Block off the left side of the upper ledge.



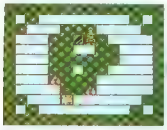
Now go back to the right, take the Block out of the gap, and drop two Blocks through the opening.

Stand on the top Block, face to the left and add a Block.

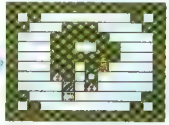
Add Blocks right and left, then slide the end one onto the Fire.

ROOM 8-3

The dark Blocks are stones. Dana can move them one space at a time, but he can't make them disappear.

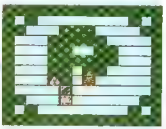


Dana starts alone with a Stone on the upper ledge. Shove it off to the left then jump off to the right.



Drop two Blocks into the open space to the left of the Flame in the lower right, then hop up one level.

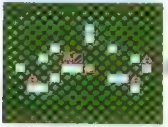
Bridge to the left, then remove the Blocks.



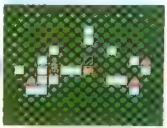
Slide one Block to the right, then create another to shove to the left.

STAGE 8-7

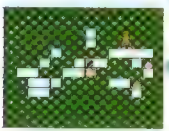
A Burning Jar sits in the center of Room 8-7. Fortunately, you have a Stone to cover it up.



Move the Stone to the right one space. Be careful—you don't want to push it off the right side of the jar.



Drop two Blocks into the space on the left, as shown. Then push the upper one over into the Fire.

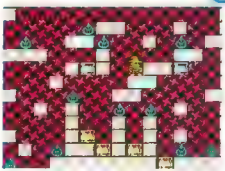


Drop a Block down beside the Stone, then bridge over to the right.

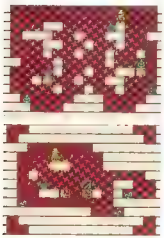
Douse the upper Flame, then drop a Block to land just left of the remaining Fire.

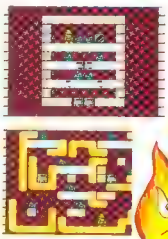
COOLMINT CHILLS OUT

Just because you've cooled things down on the surface of Coolmint Island, that doesn't mean you can chill. After you finish the ninth level, Level 10 bursts out to open a whole new region that's red hot. Dana and his magic wand have their work cut out for them.



Talk about wildfire—things really heat up as the Fire spreads in later levels.





ROOMS TO SPARE

Dana hasn't run out of rooms yet! When you beat the guardian of the final castle, leave the game screen on for several moments. Soon, the game screen will display a code that will take you to 50 more rooms. Write the code down carefully, select Continue and enter the code to start solving a whole new group of puzzles.

SPECTACULAR PRO

NES HOCKEY HAVOC

Looking for a way to cool off in the middle of a long, hot summer? Why not check out a cool new hockey game for the Nintendo Entertainment System. Two new releases, Pro Sport Hockey from Jaleco and Hit the Ice from Taito each offer different views of the sport of hockey that provide something for everyone!

Pro Sport HOCKEY™

Pro Sport Hockey features realistic ice hockey action. As a licensed product of the National Hockey League Player's Association, all the pro players of the NHL are included with real strengths and weaknesses. This gives you a chance to match up your favorite player against the entire league. Can Steve Yzerman penetrate the super defense of Patrick Roy? Play Pro Sport Hockey and find out!

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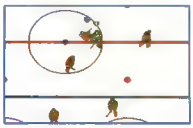
REAL HOCKEY REAL HITS!

The players in Pro Sport Hockey not only have real names, but they are modeled realistically and have fairly realistic movement on the ice. This makes Pro Sport Hockey a better game for the serious hockey enthusiast. All the full contact checking of real hockey is also present in Pro Sport Hockey. But while you can level the guy with the puck, if the hit isn't lean, be prepared to spend some pine time!



PLAY MODES

Pro Sport Hockey has three different play modes, Training, Exhibition and Super Cup. Only Exhibition games can be played with two human players at the controls. Several settings are adjustable on the Options Screen, such as penalties, time for each period and goalie auto or manual

TRAINING

Training Mode give you a chance to practice break away goals or to defend against them. Interestingly enough, every player on your team, including the goalies, are able to take a shot in this Training. The Defense Training Mode is more useful because it gives you the feel of control ling your goalie.

EXHIBITION

In Exhibition Mode, you can set up a single game between your two favorite teams. Who's faster Bure or Fedorov? Who's tougher, Lindros or Messier? Set up the game and find out in Pre Sport Hockey!

SUPER CUP

The Super Cup Mode divides the 24 teams into a tournament of six groups of four teams. After you select a team, you play a game against each of the teams in your group to qualify for the final tournament round with 16 teams

PRO SPORT HOCKEY TIPS

BREAK AWAY

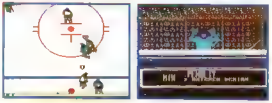
The most exciting play in hockey is the break away, where a single player challenges the goalie one-on-one. Once you get the hang of the controls, you'll find it easy to fake out the computer defensemen for many break away attempts.

SLAP SHOT

The longer you hold down the A Button, the more powerful your shot will be. Players with a good SHOOT rating have the most powerful slap shots, and can score a lot of goals. Direct slap shots yield the best results.

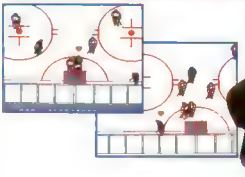
COMPUTER DEFENSE

It's hard to catch the guy ahead of you, unless you are very fast, like Pavel Bure. In order to defend, you have to switch control to the player closest to the puck.



GOOD GOALTENDING

Stay alert when the computer's players come into your zone. You'll have to give the "Auto" goalie plenty of support, and playing the "Manual" goalie is for experts only. When the goalie has the puck, don't pass it when a computer player is nearby. Hold the puck too long, and a face-off will be called.



HIT THE ICE™

VHL THE OFFICIAL VIDEO HOCKEY LEAGUE

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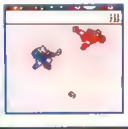
An ice hockey role playing game? Incredible as it may sound, that is one way to describe Hit the Ice! The game seems to be loosely based on the arcade game of the same name, with an added RPG type map. Your team, which consists of two players and a goalie, travels around the world challenging other hockey teams in a quest to win the Video Hockey League Cup.

DIRTY DEEDS

The playing style in the VHL is rough and tough. There are no penalties, and the referee speeds off the ice as soon as he drops the puck! Each player gains special moves as he gains experience from beating other teams.



HOCKEY HUMOR

This game is definitely meant to portray hockey in a humorous manner. The characters look almost like gorillas and the regular rules of hockey such as icing and off-sides have been eliminated. Strange things appear on the ice, such as squids and broken bottles! It's wacky!

WE'RE BRAWLIN'

Brawling plays a major role in your strategy in this game. Since it's a two-on-two situation, if you can eliminate a guy, you've got the other team outnumbered. Flatten the opposition and go for a goal!

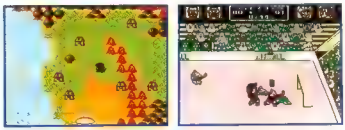
PLAY MODES

MULTI-PLAYER MODE

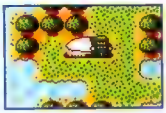
One to four players can play Hit the Ice in single game mode. You'll need an NES Satellite or Four Score to play with more than two players. In the multi-player modes, numbers will appear over the player's head to indicate who is controlling who.

QUEST MODE

The Quest Mode is what really makes this an unusual game. On an RPG style map, you will guide your team around the countryside to home arenas of other hockey teams. You must beat five of these teams to win the VHL championship.



As you roam the countryside, you will also run into wandering hockey teams that you must defeat in short, one minute matches.



The five arena teams are tougher but give you a much better paycheck if you defeat them.

NES SATELLITE

With the NES Satellite or NES Four Score accessory, you can play with up to four players! This is a great feature and makes the game a lot of fun!

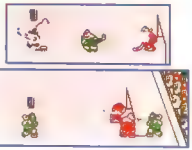
HOCKEY TIPS

To win at Hit The Ice, you have to make your opponents hit the ice more often than you do. Even though the hockey isn't the most realistic you'll find in a video game, some hockey strategy will be helpful

NORMAL MODE

SUPER SLAP SHOT

The longer you hold down the B Button, the more powerful your shot will be. While you can score without using a Super Slap Shot, this shot has much better range than your regular shot



QUICK PASSING

Your players can pass very quickly and accurately, so use this to your advantage. Early in your quest, it is pretty easy to fake out the computer with a few rapid passes. This is also a good stall tactic if you are ahead.

QUEST MODE

BEEF UP

You'll earn money for defeating the teams you encounter. Use this money in the Shop to buy Beef, Hamburgers, P-Drinks or Apples. Beef and Hamburgers give you a random number of experience points. P-Drinks are used during a match. Apples are useful as gifts for people you meet.

The random hockey teams you'll encounter on the map are easy to beat

Go to the store and buy supplies to make your team stronger

GOALIE

Player One always controls one player and the goalie. When the opponents are near your goal, concentrate on defense. Once your goalie has the puck, fire it down to the other end of the ice to your open player.

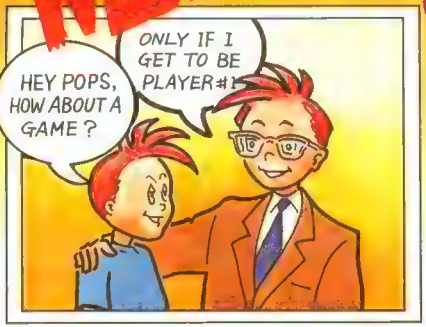
DEFENSE

Use your special moves to check the opponents and take the puck away from them.

COLD WARS

The best tactic to use against other teams is to take the lead and then stall until the clock runs out. If you lose, you will have to restart your quest back at your home base, but you won't lose any experience or money.

NESTER'S FATHER'S DAY CHALLENGE



Instead of getting your dad another crummy ol' paisley tie for Father's Day this year, how about opting for a little quality time together? Challenge him to a video game contest! Everyone knows that fathers are just big kids, so this gesture is sure to please. What's more, you'll be guaranteed victory because everyone also knows that parents just don't understand this new-fangled video technology. Or do they? To find out, you could challenge everyone in your family. We've picked six excellent 2-Player games that are great for challenging other players on, but if they haven't played the game before, let them read this review. These tips are geared toward a non-videophile. Studying them may help to even the odds.

TECMO SUPER BOWL™

The original Tecmo Bowl defined what a great video football game should be. Tecmo Super Bowl takes it one step farther. What could be better than a sports game for a little friendly head-to-head competition? Try to go easy on the old man at first. There are a lot of options to learn in this game.

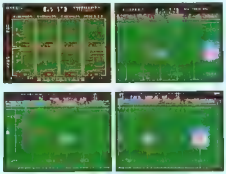
Tips For The Beginner

KICK-OFFS

When kicking off, boot the ball when the kick power gauge is maxed out. This will give your defense more time to get downfield for coverage.

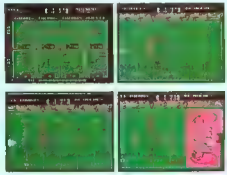
RECEIVER SWITCH

When passing, select the receiver who is the "most open" by pressing A Button. A player who has this technique down is hard to defend.



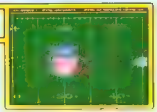
SURPRISE ELEMENT

With the wide variety of plays available to you, sometimes it's best to call a play that your opponent would never imagine you would call!



ONSIDE KICK

While there is no onside kick option, the shorter you kick the ball on the kickoff, the better your chances are of recovering it on a fumble or missed catch.



LEARNING CURVE

If you're already familiar with football, it shouldn't take very long to learn this game. It plays much like the real thing!

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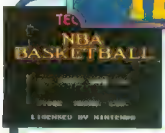
TECMO NBA BASKETBALL™



Another fine sports product from Tecmo! NBA Basketball is an option-filled extravaganza that features all of the NBA teams with full rosters, team data and statistics. There's even an All-Star game option! The graphics are fairly good, but like Tecmo Super Bowl, it's difficult at times to see who has the ball.

Tips For The Beginner

SUBSTITUTIONS

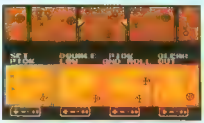
There are many good players sitting on the bench! As in a real game, players tend to get tired. If you find that certain players are not playing up to their potential, bench them for a spell

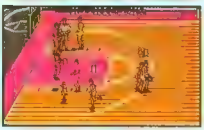
OFFENSIVE FOULS

Pass the ball if your opponent is playing excellent defense on you. It's better to pass the ball than to try to force your way toward the basket. You could easily end up being called for an offensive foul.

PLAY SELECTION

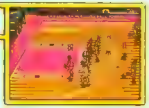
Depending on the strengths of your chosen team, you can choose to run plays that complement the talents of your best players. It's not a requirement to run a play, but it often is the best course of action.





REBOUNDING

When playing defense, if you see a shot go up, switch to the player who is nearest the hoop. Doing so gives you a better chance at getting a rebound.



LEARNING CURVE

Like Tecmo Super Bowl, this game is easy to learn if you are already familiar with the sport. It's a very intuitive game.

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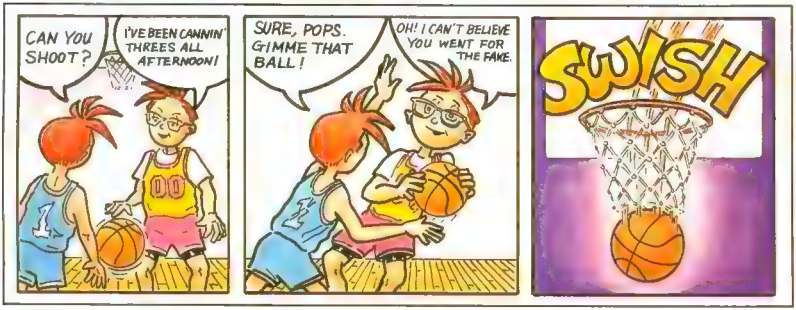


DR. MARIO™

You're going to see the Doctor, but it's nothing serious. You've got the fever for video games. Dr. Mario is the cure! As a 1-Player game, Dr. Mario can be enjoyed for hours upon end. As a 2-Player contest, the excitement may wear you out long before that! Practically everyone should enjoy this fun-filled game.

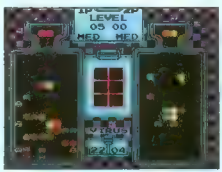
Tips For The Beginner

HANDICAPS

The Virus Level, which relates to the difficulty level, can be set up differently for each player. This is a fantastic option! It means that no matter what a player's ability may be, the match can be set up so the odds will be even. The Speed at which the vitamins drop can also be set accordingly for each player.

VIRUS STRATEGY

In the photo below, Player 1 has just made a combination. He's taken out a blue and a yellow virus with a single vitamin capsule. The result of this shows up in Player 2's bottle: a blue piece and a yellow piece come falling down. As an added bonus, both pieces hinder Player 2's chances of clearing away two viruses.

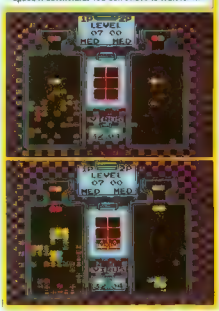


TRIPLE PLAY

When playing against someone, try to clear off as many viruses as you can by causing a "chain reaction" effect. In this photo, a yellow virus has just been cleared. The red virus and the blue virus on the right will soon follow. Correspondingly, a yellow, red and blue piece will fall into your opponent's bottle.

FAST VITAMINS

Once you've moved a vitamin into proper position, press Down on the Control Pad to speed it downward. You don't have to wait for it!



LEARNING CURVE

The game's concept is simple: four like-colored vitamin segments will clear a row. However, taking advantage of strategies like the "chain reaction" comes only with experience.

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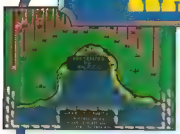
RAMPART™

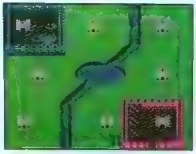


The games of Rampart, as a 1-Player contest, pits cannon-fortified castles against sailing ships. However, in the 2-Player mode, each player must fortify and defend his own castle. There are no ships involved—you shoot at the walls surrounding your opponent's castles.

Tips For The Beginner

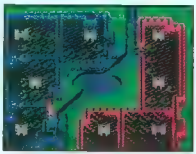
SMALL HOLES

It's a good strategy to only blast away small gaps in your opponent's castle walls. When it's time to rebuild the walls, it will be more difficult for him to fit odd-shaped pieces into the small spaces.



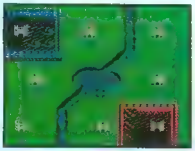
AT CLOSE RANGE

When battling, try to take out the enemy walls that are nearest to yours because they are the easiest to get to. However, you should always try to take out some part of the wall surrounding each castle.



HIT THE EDGES

If your opponent has backed his castle walls up against the edge of the playfield—strike heavily there! It will be more difficult for him to rebuild those walls with the odd-shaped wall pieces that come up.

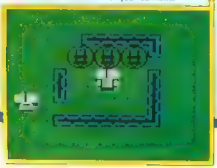


BUILD FAST

Don't become overly concerned with the shape of the wall pieces that you get when you're rebuilding. You can't do anything about it. Just rotate them quickly by pressing the B Button and lay them into position.

CONSTRUCTION TIP

Once you have surrounded one castle, quickly extend your walls to enclose your other castles. You'll have more room for your cannons.



LEARNING CURVE

It will take a few rounds of play before you start to get the hang of Rampart. Placing wall pieces accurately takes some time to master.

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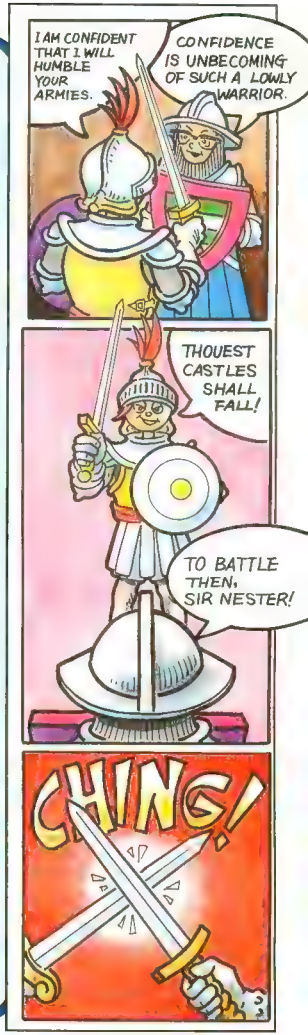
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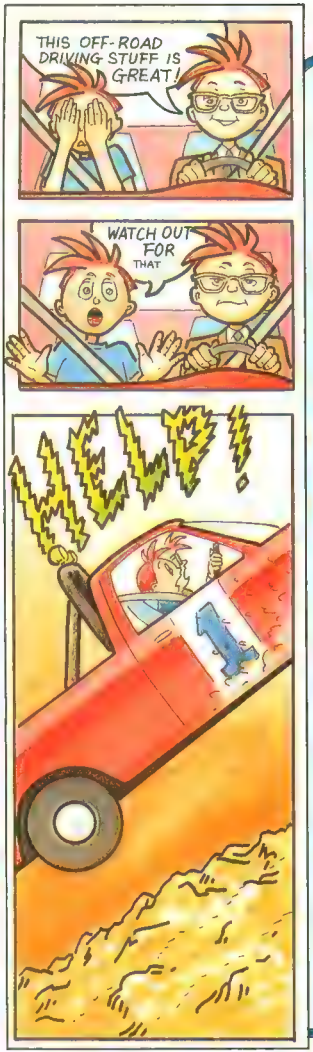


IVAN "IRONMAN" STEWART'S™ SUPER OFF ROAD

Gears will be grinding as you tear up tons of dirt as you race your off-road mini-truck. Race in huge stadiums against your rival and the likes of Ivan "Ironman" Stewart. As you tear up the dirt, make sure everyone else eats your dust!

Tips For The Beginner

USE NITRO

Nitro, short for nitrous oxide, can be purchased in Ironman's Speed Shop between races. By pressing the B Button, your truck will get a short burst of speed. Use it to blow by your opponents or stretch out a lead.

CORNERING

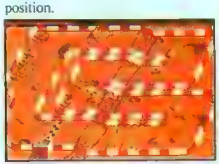
Don't use Nitro when cornering or when all of the trucks are bunched up. It's very easy to get bumped and turned sideways when battling through a tight corner like this one. Swing wide if possible.

SPEED SHOP

Along with Nitro, you can beef up the Acceleration, Tires, Top Speed and Shocks on your truck when you visit the Speed Shop. Always have at least six Nitros, but don't spend all of your winnings on just one Item

TRACK GOODIES

Bonus Cash and canister of Nitro will randomly appear on each track. Pass over them to pick them up, but if there is a danger of you getting passed, leave them alone. Getting one isn't worth losing a position.



DRIVING TIP

The steering response of your truck is extremely touchy. Quickly tapping on the Control Pad is the best way to steer it. Don't press and hold the Control Pad for too long or you'll end up going in the wrong direction. That's not what you want!

LEARNING CURVE

The most difficult aspect of this game is mastering the steering. Buy Tires and Shocks early to make steering easier to handle.

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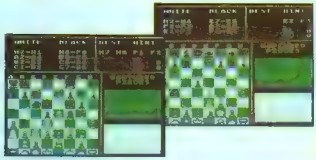
THE CHESSMASTER™

If strategy and logic are more to your liking, The Chessmaster is the perfect challenge. Chess is a game that an adult just *might* have the the advantage on. The moves are simple, but it takes a very long time to master this age-old board game. Here's your chance to play against your rival without having to track down all the pieces.

Tips For The Beginner

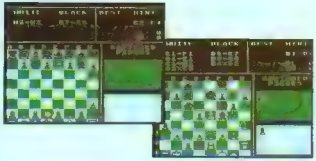
TEACHING MODE

If you're still unfamiliar with the game of chess, turn on the Teaching Mode before you start playing. As you pick up a chess piece all of the possible moves will be displayed. This will keep you from missing key moves.



WAR ROOM

For a different style of play, select the War Room view at the start of a game. This type of board keeps track of all moves made as well as all captured pieces. You can't get this help in a 2-player game, though.



TAKE-BACK OPTION

Sometimes even the best player can make a dumb move in chess. Press the B Button and the board will be reset to the previous move, giving you a second chance. This is a great move to use when your opponent isn't looking!

PAWN EXCHANGE

This is a great trick to remember when you start running out of pieces. If you get a pawn all the way to the other side of the board, it becomes a queen. You can have up to nine queens at once!

LEARNING CURVE

If you understand the game of chess, The Chessmaster is easy to play. Remember, you can only master chess by playing the game.

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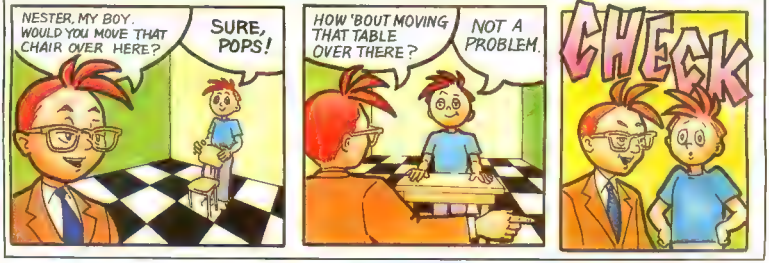

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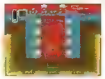
PLAYER'S POLL CONTEST

The big news this month is The Legend of Zelda Link has taken the top spot on the Super NES chart and the second spot on the NES chart. His Game Boy adventure is already climbing up the charts, based on pro votes and players' anticipation. There may be a Zelda sweep in the future!

SUPER NES

1 19,250 POINTS — 18 MONTHS

THE LEGEND OF ZELDA- A LINK TO THE PAST



Link has fought his way back to the top of the charts. With all this competition it is going to be tough to hold on to number one.

2 18,751 POINTS — 12 MONTHS

STREET FIGHTER II: THE WORLD WARRIOR

Slipping down into the number two spot, Street Fighter II missed the top by less than 500 points. Will it take the top again?

3 16,409 POINTS — 7 MONTHS

SUPER MARIO KART

The racers have down shifted into third this month. Staying near the top, Mario and all his fellow drivers are always in the race for number one.

4 13,400 POINTS

STAR FOX

Star Fox is holding steady at number four with only Player and Pro votes.

5 8,784 POINTS

NCAA BASKETBALL

With the basketball season wrapped up, NCAA Basketball is perfect for keeping the action going!

6	7,492 POINTS	FINAL FANTASY II
7	7,384 POINTS	MARIO PAINT
8	7,332 POINTS	SUPER STAR WARS
9	6,124 POINTS	NHLPA HOCKEY '93
10	5,216 POINTS	SUPER MARIO WORLD
11	4,947 POINTS	SIMCITY
12	4,928 POINTS	TMNT IV: TURTLES IN TIME
13	4,896 POINTS	BATMAN RETURNS
14	3,756 POINTS	SPIDER-MAN & THE X-MEN IN ARCADE'S REVENGE
15	3,457 POINTS	CONTRA 3: THE ALIEN WARS
16	3,391 POINTS	BULLS VS. BLAZERS AND THE NBA CHAMPIONSHIP
17	3,224 POINTS	THE MAGICAL QUEST STARRING MICKEY MOUSE
18	2,943 POINTS	ROAD RUNNER'S DEATH VALLEY RALLY
19	2,716 POINTS	EQUINOX
20	2,700 POINTS	KING ARTHUR'S WORLD

GAME BOY

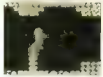
1 30,350 POINTS — 9 MONTHS

SUPER MARIO LAND 2- 6 GOLDEN COINS

With more than twice the points of the first runner-up, Mario's second Game Boy adventure holds on to number one.

2 14,162 POINTS — 17 MONTHS

METROID II: RETURN OF SAMUS



Samus blasted back up the charts again! Does she have enough ammunition to take her to the top? Wait and see next month.

3 13,455 POINTS — 33 MONTHS

SUPER MARIO LAND

With all the limelight falling on his second adventure, it's good to see that Mario's first adventure is still a favorite.

4 13,065 POINTS

KIRBY'S DREAM LAND

The cute little hero is slipping down the charts again. Can he make a comeback next month?

5 8,727 POINTS

DR. MARIO

The Doctor is in and he has got the cure. Get it before the viruses get you!

6	6,149 POINTS	THE LEGEND OF ZELDA: LINK'S AWAKENING
7	5,344 POINTS	TETRIS
8	5,179 POINTS	MEGA MAN III
9	5,059 POINTS	THE REN & STIMPY SHOW
10	4,586 POINTS	BATTLETOADS
11	4,561 POINTS	FACEBALL 2000
12	4,088 POINTS	YOSHI
13	4,043 POINTS	GOLF
14	3,815 POINTS	FINAL FANTASY ADVENTURE
15	3,638 POINTS	MEGA MAN II
16	3,453 POINTS	FINAL FANTASY LEGEND
17	3,318 POINTS	FINAL FANTASY LEGEND II
18	2,776 POINTS	MEGA MAN IN DR. WILY'S REVENGE
19	2,684 POINTS	PRINCE OF PERSIA
20	2,404 POINTS	LOONEY TUNES

NES

1 14,996 POINTS — 44 MONTHS

SUPER MARIO BROS. 3

Mario has leaped over his competition to take the top again. Not even Bowser can keep this guy down!

2 11,762 POINTS — 57 MONTHS

THE LEGEND OF ZELDA

Link is still fighting to hold on to the top of the charts. The re-release of his original adventure keeps it on top.

3 11,351 POINTS — 16 MONTHS

TECMO SUPER BOWL

Tecmo Super Bowl is going to need some fancy plays to stay on top next month. Can it score again?

4 10,001 POINTS

MEGA MAN V

Mega Man is one popular droid. He has seven games in the Top 20 this month!

5 7,914 POINTS

FINAL FANTASY

The eternal conflict against the evil Chaos puts Final Fantasy back into the top 5 this

6	7,514 POINTS	SUPER MARIO BROS. 2
7	6,480 POINTS	DRAGON WARRIOR IV
8	6,143 POINTS	TETRIS
9	5,898 POINTS	MEGA MAN IV
10	5,155 POINTS	BATTLETOADS
11	5,079 POINTS	DR. MARIO
12	4,872 POINTS	ZELDA II: THE ADVENTURE OF LINK
13	4,836 POINTS	METROID
14	4,686 POINTS	TMNT III: THE MANHATTAN PROJECT
15	4,668 POINTS	TECMO NBA BASKETBALL
16	4,490 POINTS	MEGA MAN III
17	4,394 POINTS	CRYSTALIS
18	4,236 POINTS	MEGA MAN II
19	3,611 POINTS	BASEBALL STARS
20	3,602 POINTS	YOSHI

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LOOK FOR THESE RELEASES SOON

BATTLETOADS IN BATTLEMANIACS

Company.....Tradewest
Suggested Retail Price.....Not available
Release Date.....May 1993
Memory Size.....8 Megabits
Game Type....Comic action with two-player simultaneous mode

The Battletoads are back with a hot action game that will pit them against the Four Pigs of the Apocalypse and the Dark Queen, not to mention a bevy of berserk baddies. Some of the stages will be familiar to fans of the NES game, but much of this bigger, badder Battletoads is all new. Nintendo Power's exclusive review will keep Rash and Pimple hopping toward their goal.

+ Superb graphics and excellent two-player simultaneous play make this first Battletoads game for the Super NES something special

− Vertical movement and jumping control of your Toad on the screen can be awkward. It is difficult to tell where the Toad is standing in the 3-D perspective.

YOSHI'S COOKIE

Company.....Bullet-Proof Software
Suggested Retail Price.....$54.95
Release Date.....June 1993
Memory Size.....4 Megabits
Game Type.....Puzzle action

Mario and Yoshi are in the cookie business, but their cookie sorting machine seems to have a mind of its own. The cookies are out of order and must be sorted, and you're just the action puzzler to do the job. Although this Super NES version of the game is similar in many respects to the NES and Game Boy Paks reviewed in Nintendo Power, the 16-bit game does have a number of unique elements including a computer VS. mode. Check out our special puzzle preview in this issue.

+ Very challenging. Improved graphics and sound over 8-bit versions. 100 new puzzles.

− Yoshi is just a cookie

THE TERMINATOR

Company.....Mindscape
Suggested Retail Price.....$64.95
Release Date.....May 1993
Memory Size.....8 Megabits
Game Type.....Sidescrolling action based on the original movie

As Kyle Reese, a member of the Human Resistance cadre fighting against the Skynet Computer System, your job is to prevent the Terminator from destroying Sarah Connor, mom of the as-yet-unborn John Connor. Okay, everyone knows the plot, but this action game is a real step up from the NES version that Mindscape put out last winter. There is a real sense of imminent danger in this game, from the tense soundtrack to the dark, menacing graphics. Your arsenal includes a regular gun, grenades, and missiles. As

Kyle, you'll take on the Skynet forces both on the ground and from a mobile gun mounted on the back of a truck. The way the game is structured, you can't just charge straight ahead. It's best to walk slowly, looking for snipers and enemy forces. Quick reflexes are essential!

+ The game makes good use of the license in the graphics and music. It's easy to learn and there is a variety of game play actions that you must master.

- Power players may find the challenge level to be too low

FAMILY DOG

Company ..... T*HQ
Suggested Retail Price Between $59.95-64.95
Release Date ..... June 1993
Memory Size ..... 8 Megabits
Game Type ..... Comic action for one player

This cartoon dog comes to life and has to deal with situations as only a dog can. Wonderful animation conveys a sense of doggish anticipation and excitement as the Family Dog prepares to run from trouble, fetch, jump, bark, escape from doggie prison and wolves and worse, the family kid. You can even sniff out buried bones! The humor is great and the game has quite a bit of variety for a side-scrolling action vehicle. If the goal in each stage is at first unclear, just keep in mind that the only goal that counts is to reach the end of the stage alive! This is a one player game, but it is also a great game for others to watch as you live a dog's life.

+ Some of the best animation ever for the Super NES is offered in this game. A variety of play situations and changing settings keeps up the interest. Great sound effects and music.

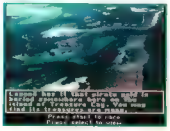
- Small hit detection areas on objects makes it difficult to jump to ledges, chairs, etc...and there is a lot of jumping in this game. The dog doesn't have enough Sonic Barks with which to defend himself.

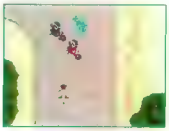
KAWASAKI CARIBBEAN CHALLENGE

Company ..... Gametek
Suggested Retail Price $64.95
Release Date ..... May 1993
Memory Size ..... 12 Megabits
Game Type ..... Jet ski and motorcycle racing

Some of the hottest machines are challenging some of the hottest beaches, both on the track and in the surf in this hybrid racing game from Gametek. The impressive digitized photos of the islands where the races are held add to the feeling of being in the Caribbean, but the same techniques weren't used for the actual race tracks and vehicles. As for the water and land bikes, there are three styles of each and three island courses to challenge. You can battle it out in exhibition matches or take on the best bikers in the complete island circuit.

On land, watch out for oil spills, sand on the track, and puddles. Offshore, look for whirlpools, buoys and rocky reefs. Chances are you'll take some spills early as the controls are touchy.





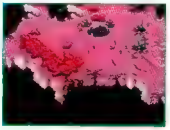
+ Great digitized intro screens. Realistic motion and backend slide of the jet skis

- The turn indicators are tiny and difficult to see and the steep overhead view doesn't allow you to see upcoming turns in the course. The overhead view also does nothing to suggest the cool Kawasaki machines that you're racing. Too bad.

B.O.B.

Company ..... Electronic Arts
Suggested Retail Price $59.95
Release Date ..... May 1993
Memory Size ..... 8 Megabits
Game Type ..... Comic action with a teenage robot

B.O.B. has managed to scam the car keys from his dadbot and sets off for a wild night in the galaxy. He doesn't get far, however, and his only chance to reach his date is if you guide him past 45 levels of badbots and cool cosmic critters on three planets. This month's review in Nintendo Power covers the ins and outs of dating diodes in outer space.



+ The theme is fun and the play control is fairly sharp. B.O.B. has some great moves, like being able to fold up and down like an accordion.

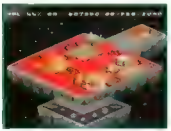
- The play control tends to be on the slow side

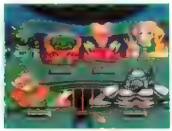
UTOPIA

Company.....Jaleco
Suggested Retail Price.....Not Available
Release Date.....June 1993
Memory Size.....4 Megabits
Game Type.....Space colony strategy simulation

Utopia literally means the perfect world. Jaleco's Utopia is a strategy simulation in which you are trying to create the perfect world, or at least as perfect a world as is possible in an imperfect universe. Your space colony has all the resources you need, from technical to military to industrial. But keeping your population happy isn't always easy, and it isn't always dependent on your actions since aliens may intrude. Fortunately, you're not alone. You have six advisors who will lend you their wisdom and data files to tell you how successful your decisions have been.

The game has 11 levels of difficulty that determine the number and scope of problems you'll face while building and running your colony. Animations showing the construction of new facilities adds to the feeling of viewing a real colony, but the large scale maps are difficult to interpret. With Super NES Mouse compatibility and Battery backed-up memory, Utopia plays very much like a computer game. In fact, it first appeared for the Amiga system. It's challenging and involving, but not for players who like action or instant results. Fans of SimCity, SimEarth and Populous may want to take a closer look at this unique Pak.





+ Great depth and lots of elements to control, build and adapt

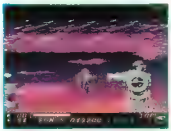
– Confusing graphics interface, especially on the larger scale maps.

WOLF CHILD

Company.....Virgin Games
Suggested Retail Price.....$59.99
Release Date.....May 1993
Memory Size.....8 Megabits
Game Type.....One player, side-scrolling action

You've probably heard of the boy who cried wolf, but in Virgin Games' Wolf Child, the boy is the wolf. The hero of this action romp starts out as a human fighting for truth, justice and freedom. But if you collect enough silver orbs between bouts of fighting, you'll transform into a super wolf character. Solid action and good graphics plus the cool transformation should be enough to keep most action fans happy. The challenge is average until you reach the bosses–then look out!

You can fight hand-to-hand and with weapons that you collect along the way, and even switch from one weapon to another once you've collected them. The option screen includes Difficulty Select, Sound Test, and Controller Button setup. Finally, the background music in this five-stage game really rocks.



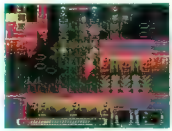
+ Good play control and lots of enemies for a solid action challenge.

– Repetitious actions and standard game themes and graphics.

OPERATION LOGIC BOMB

Company.....Jaleco
Suggested Retail Price.....Not Available
Release Date.....May 1993
Memory Size.....8 Megabits
Game Type.....One player overhead action

Your mission is to penetrate a high-tech research facility controlled by robots and extradimensional beings. The graphics go a long way toward making you feel as if you're really there, especially the computer updates that you get from wall terminals along the way. The overhead view means that the action takes place all around you. Your main weapons are a spread shot gun and a rapid fire gun, but you'll increase your fire power with cool new weapons like the RPLR3 that reflects off of walls. Each area of the facility is a maze, but you can download a map that shows its vital points like transporters. The computer updates reveal the story of what has happened in the lab, although it isn't always clear what the animated scenes really mean. So hey, it's a mystery, too!



+ Good play control with the eight-way shooting. Believable futuristic graphics. Hard driving sound track.

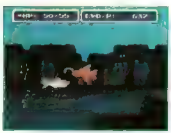
– The story scenes don't always make sense. There are no passwords. The artificial intelligence on many of the enemies seems simplistic in that they don't track after you in a realistic manner. The result is that they're sitting ducks.

E.V.O.

Company.....Enix
Suggested Retail Price.....Not Available
Release Date.....May 1993
Memory Size.....12 Megabits
Game Type.....Action RPG for evolving new life forms

This game is for everyone who always thought life would be better if only they had a slightly better horn or tail. In

E.V.O., unlike the real world, you get to enhance your body with evolutionary addons. Building Evolution Points by devouring weaker creatures than yourself allows you to customize selected parts of your body. For a small amount of EPs, you can afford minor improvements, but the big payoff comes from saving up EPs and splurging on some hot new skeletal configuration. Not all combinations are for the best, however. You must experiment to find the most powerful body, because at the end of each stage of evolution you'll face the top of the food chain. Unless you are the fittest creature around, you'll end up just another tasty snack and a footnote in the fossil record. Luckily, being eaten isn't as bad as it sounds. Gaia, a sort of Earth goddess, will bring you back to life with only the loss of half your EPs. Bon appetite!



+ The idea of this game is great and the weird creatures you can evolve can be both bizarre and hilarious. There is an option to name and save your favorite specie. The Battery Pak lets you save three games in progress. Play control is good, but dependent on your choice of body parts.

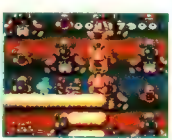
− The selection of body parts is limited to eight categories with several choices in each. The game isn't based on scientific theories of evolution. The time spent building up EPs can become tedious. There is no indication on the Evolution Menu of the benefits of a given improvement.

SUPER JAMES POND

Company.....American Softworks
Suggested Retail Price.....$59.95
Release Date.....May 1993
Memory Size.....4 Megabits
Game Type.....Comic action for one player, or fish

There's definitely something fishy here! For starters, you are a fish. Second, you are out of water. Luckily, you are the incredible James Pond, and adventure is your middle name. The adventure in this game takes place in a series of huge stages where James must hop about on his fins, avoiding enemies and collecting points and Power-Ups. The action stages exist inside a castle.

Outside the castle, James Pond can race down stairs at breakfin speed! He can leap up tall towers and enter different stage doors. The stages inside the castle require James to jump over obstacles and to stretch upward an incredible distance to grab the ceiling. The action is limited to jumping, running and stretching.



+ Colorful graphics and a fun character.

− Repetitious, simplistic play. Visually, although the stages look good, they are mind-numbingly repetitious—we're talking three stages in a row of giant teddy bears! As for challenge, the game is more suited to very young or inexperienced players than to Power Players.

TAZ-MANIA

Company.....Sunsoft
Suggested Retail Price.....$59.95
Release Date.....May 1993
Memory Size.....8 Megabits
Game Type.....3-D road chase starring Taz

Taz hungry! Taz eat kiwi! Burp! Taz eat more kiwi! Taz jump like mad thing, not get squashed on bus! Mmm good! Taz run, jump, do Devil tornado, all in 3-D! See more Taz this issue.

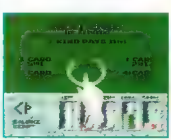
+ Great graphics and a unique twist on road race games. The sense of humor and fun, and the use of sound effects are all well done. Excellent play control!

− The variety of the different race courses is limited and the actual game play is simplistic.

SUPER CAESARS PALACE

Company.....Virgin Games
Suggested Retail Price.....$59.99
Release Date.....May 1993
Memory Size.....8 Megabits
Game Type.....Casino gambling for one player

Welcome to the famous Las Vegas nightclub where money seems to grow on trees, or vanish like a puff of smoke. The Super Caesars interface has you walking about on the floor in an overhead view. Your character can interact with people in the casino and play eight different games of chance. If you want to get rich quick, or lose your shirt, flip to the Power review in this issue.



+ The number of games is the biggest plus for Super Caesars.

− There is no unifying element to the eight gambling games. The play control is often awkward, so that placing or removing bets can be tedious.

BATTLETOADS & DOUBLE DRAGON: THE ULTIMATE TEAM

Company ..... Tradewest
Suggested Retail Price ..... Not Available
Release Date ..... June 1993
Memory Size ..... 2 Megabits
Game Type ..... Comic action for one or two-player simultaneous play

The Ultimate Team is the brothers Lee and the Toads Three. They're out to stop the nefarious Dark Queen and Shadowboss from carrying out their plot to take over the Earth. The only help they're likely to get is from their fists. You can use Rash, Zitz, Pimple, Billy or Jimmy in your quest. Each character retains recognizable moves from earlier games, plus a few new looks. The action ranges from outer space to down to Earth and is particularly wild in the two-player mode.

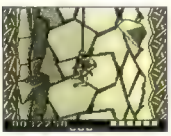
+ Great action, graphics and theme make this one of the strongest titles this year. It's even better than Super NES Battlemaniacs!

− When fighting near the edge of a platform, the depth perception makes it difficult to know where your character is, and he may fall off.

BATTLETOADS IN RAGNAROK'S WORLD

Company ..... Tradewest
Suggested Retail Price ..... Not Available
Release Date ..... May 1993
Memory Size ..... 1 Megabit
Game Type ..... Comic action

The Toads return to Game Boy, but the game is virtually identical to the original NES Battletoads. The big exceptions to this similarity is that Ragnarok's World is a one-player game, there are fewer stages and you can't pick your Toad of choice. On the other hand, the same Psycho Pig bashing action is Toadally cool.



+ Good challenge and play control. Fun theme. Portable Battletoads!

− The graphics may be too detailed in areas. It can be hard to distinguish the Toad from the background. Depth perception problems.

F-15 STRIKE EAGLE

Company ..... Microprose
Suggested Retail Price $29.95
Release Date ..... June 1993
Memory Size ..... 1 Megabit
Game Type ..... Combat flight simulation

This air combat simulation features seven major missions that each include aerial dogfighting and guided missile bombing of strategic targets. Your cockpit view shows bogeys realistically, but the combat has been simplified so that it's basically aim and shoot. If you aim anywhere near the target, chances are that you'll hit it. The real challenge comes from the incredible number of bogeys you must deal with during the mission. They just don't stop! Navigating to and from your targets would be tricky if not for the map screen, which shows major and minor targets. Cockpit instrumentation shows how much ammo and how many missiles you have remaining. There's also an altimeter, radar, artificial horizon, and air speed indicator. With three difficulty levels and a password to save your best pilots, F-15 lets everybody earn their wings.

+ Good flight sim graphics for Game Boy. Solid arcade challenge.

− Simple controls that don't give you a true feeling of flying or playing a real simulation.

BUSTER BROS.

Company ..... Hudson Soft
Suggested Retail Price $29.95
Release Date ..... June 1993
Memory Size ..... 1 Megabit
Game Type ..... Stage action for one or two players

The Buster Bros. shoot grappling hooks and other weapons on wires in order to burst the bouncing balloons on each stage. Making things interesting is the fact that balloons split into two smaller balloons when shot. If you're hit with a balloon as it bounces around the stage, you'll lose a life. The Buster Bro. can move laterally, but he can't jump, so dodging the bouncing balloons can be tricky. With a Game Link, you can play both Buster Bros. at once.

+ Fast action and good challenge.

− Repetitious themes and obnoxious music.

BUBBLE BOBBLE PART 2

Company.....Taito
Suggested Retail Price.....Not Available
Release Date.....May 1993
Memory Size.....1 Megabit
Game Type.....Action puzzle for one player based on NES Bubble Bobble

Each stage has obstacles and enemies that can only be defeated by using Robby's bubbles in inventive ways. Defeat enemies with bubbles, bounce on them to reach higher levels, pop them for Power-Ups and ride inside them for several seconds. A super game for Game Boy.

+ The password option lets you pick up where you left off. Good puzzle challenge

- Backgrounds do not vary greatly or add to the game

TITUS THE FOX

Company.....Titus
Suggested Retail Price.....$27.99
Release Date.....May 1993
Memory Size.....1 Megabit
Game Type.....Side-scrolling action for one or two players

The full title of this game is Titus The Fox to Marrakech and Back, but the action is less exotic than the name suggests. Most of the game is avoidance and picking up objects. Titus the Fox can throw boxes at enemies, bounce on rubber balls, climb buildings and jump

+ Good graphics and variety of stages. The first 2-player simultaneous game for Game Boy that allows each player to choose his or her own path. Very cool!

- The control and movement of Titus is very slow except on the expert level

SUPER NES TITLE	COMPANY	PLAY INFO	POWER METER RATINGS G	P	C	T	GAME TYPE
BATTLETOADS IN BATTLEMANIACS	TRADEWEST	1P	4.2	3.4	3.5	3.4	ACTION
B.O.B.	EA	1P/PASS	3.7	3.6	3.5	3.7	ACTION
E.V.O.	ENIX	1P/BATT	3.4	3.4	3.6	4.1	ACTION/SIM
FAMILY DOG	T*HQ	1P	3.4	2.8	3.0	3.0	ACTION
KAWASAKI CARIBBEAN CHALLENGE	GAMETEK	1P	2.9	2.7	2.5	2.8	RACING
OPERATION LOGIC BOMB	JALECO	1P	3.6	3.4	3.6	3.5	ACTION
SUPER CAESARS PALACE	VIRGIN	1P	3.1	2.9	3.4	3.4	GAMBLING
SUPER JAMES POND	AM SOFTWORKS	1P	3.3	3.3	3.0	3.0	ACTION
TAZ-MANIA	SUNSOFT	1P	3.9	3.4	3.4	3.5	COMIC ACTION
THE TERMINATOR	MINDSCAPE	1P	3.1	3.1	3.0	2.9	ACTION
UTOPIA	JALECO	1P/BATT	3.1	2.2	3.1	3.2	SIMULATION/STRATEGY
WOLF CHILD	VIRGIN	1P	3.5	3.1	3.1	2.9	ACTION
YOSHI'S COOKIE	BULLET-PROOF	2PS/PASS	2.8	3.3	3.7	3.5	ACTION/PUZZLE

NES TITLE	COMPANY	PLAY INFO	POWER METER RATINGS G	P	C	T	GAME TYPE
BATTLETOADS & DOUBLE DRAGON	TRADEWEST	2PS	3.1	3.4	3.9	3.9	ACTION

GAME BOY TITLE	COMPANY	PLAY INFO	POWER METER RATINGS G	P	C	T	GAME TYPE
BATTLETOADS IN RAGNAROK'S WORLD	TRADEWEST	1P	3.6	3.6	3.5	3.6	ACTION
BUBBLE BOBBLE PART 2	TAITO	2PA	3.1	3.2	3.1	3.1	ACTION
BUSTER BROS.	HUDSON SOFT	1P	3.1	3.0	2.9	2.9	ACTION
F-15 STRIKE EAGLE	MICROPROSE	1P/PASS	3.1	2.8	3.1	3.1	FLIGHT COMBAT
TITUS THE FOX	TITUS	2PS	3.4	3.4	3.0	3.0	ACTION

CHART KEY

You can get the most out of your game chart by understanding the categories. Title, Company and game type are self explanatory. Use this Key to understand Play info and the valuable Power Meter ratings.

PLAY INFO

Games are made to be played with as many as eight players. Some also employ a battery or password to save game play data.

#P = NUMBER OF PLAYERS
S = SIMULTANEOUS
A = ALTERNATING
BATT = BATTERY
PASS = PASSWORD

POWER METER

The Pros at Nintendo HQ rate each new game. Ratings are from 1 (poor) to 5 (excellent) in four different categories.

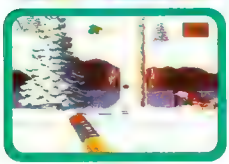
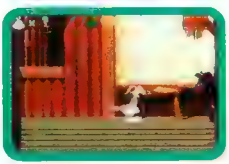
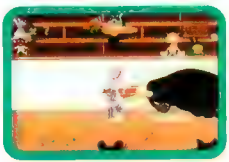
G = GRAPHICS AND SOUND
P = PLAY CONTROL
C = CHALLENGE
T = THEME AND FUN

A LOOK INTO THE GAMES OF THE FUTURE

PAK WATCH

BUGS BUNNY ANIMATOR — SUNSOFT

The creative fever at Sunsoft never seems to cool down. The latest, and quite possibly the greatest Looney Tune game to date, stars Bugs Bunny and is based on the "Animator" episode—truly one of the classics. If you recall, the Animator paints and draws backgrounds and characters that Bugs encounters during the cartoon. In the game, the Animator will do the same thing, except in time-honored gaming tradition, it will be enemies and traps that appear to challenge that wascally wabbit. Your faithful Pak Rats stole a peek at a very early version of the rabbit romp. Our first thoughts were —this is a cartoon, this can't be a game! Our second thoughts were—if this is a game, who cares about cartoons! And our final collective thought was—more, More, MORE! You might say we were impressed. Huge characters, Warner-quality backgrounds and animation, a rabbit with a chip on his carrot, cameo appearances by dozens of Warner 'toon stars including Foghorn Leghorn, Tweety, Speedy, Sylvester, Porky and the Bull—what more is there? This version was barely 30% complete and already it looks terrific! Bugs Bunny Animator (the title's still undecided) is brought to you by the same team at Sunsoft and Icom Simulations that brought you the stunning Road Runner's Death Valley Rally. Sunsoft plans on releasing Bugs later this fall along with a Looney Tune game based on Duck Dodgers In the 24th½ Century with Marvin the Martian. That's all folks!

TUFF E NUFF

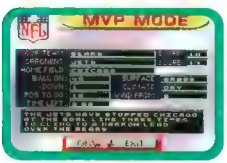
JALECO

Jaleco's entry into the street fighting world looks like one of the best to date. With 16 megabits, Tuff E Nuff has the action, the graphics and the control to make street fighting fans flock to the fun. One or two players can brawl and batter their opponents with a collection of bone-crunching special moves that are upgraded with every three victories. In the Story Mode, you must fight your way to the top of the "Tower" and face the ultimate fighter, King Jade. In the VS. Mode, you choose from one of four champion fighters, each with his own special moves. The game has good balance and super options like a custom Controller function option. Go all the way to prove that you're Tuff E Nuff. Jaleco is also working on a Super NES version of Pro Sport Hockey and a sequel to Super Bases Loaded, but don't expect either Pak until this fall.

MVP FOOTBALL

CAPCOM

These days it takes some fresh ideas for a football game to stand out from the crowd. For this Pak Watching football fanatic, Capcom's MVP Football for the Super NES does just that. The title says it all. The Most Valuable Player, which will be you, with any luck, is given a difficult situation, say 1st and Ten, three minutes to go, four points behind and half the field to go for a touchdown. If you pull it off, you become the game's MVP, then you move on to a tougher challenge. The MVP scenarios are great for a quick play, but if you want more gridiron action, you can play regular games against another player or the computer, and there is a playoff option, as well. Solid graphics, play control and play books round out the game.



SUPER SLAP SHOT

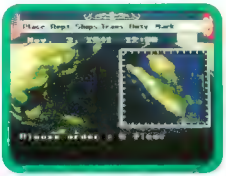
VIRGIN GAMES

With the arrival of Super Slap Shot from Virgin Games, our Pak Watch focus turned to the ice and some hard-hitting, body-checking action. An impressive set of options in this four megabit game included being able to choose international teams or teams from NHL cities. Team strengths could be altered as could game rules and options, making the two-player game very versatile. On-the-ice control lacked a natural feel, but was still quite playable.

P.T.O.

KOEI

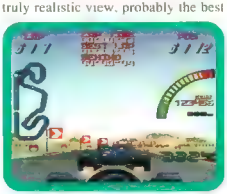
This Pak Watcher recently stepped back in time with Koei's naval war simulator, P.T.O. Pacific Theater of Operations. Talk about complex! You may not need a Phd to understand the game, but it couldn't hurt. Here's what happens. Beginning in one of a dozen scenarios, you are in command of all aspects of the Japanese or Allied fleets. It's up to you to create strategies, order movements, resupply forces, make diplomatic overtures and engage in battle. At first, it's a little overwhelming, but once you've got your sea legs, the multiple pull-down menus give you total control. Koei fans will find a mix of new and old features and some nice graphics.



NIGEL MANSELL'S RACING

GAMETEK

It was a slow day at the Pak Watch desk when a racing game with a funny name arrived from Gametek. Then things speeded up dramatically! This one-player Super NES Pak features pedal-to-the-metal performance and features. Everything is done well, from graphics to play control. The options include password racing for the international Grand Prix championship circuit, trial racing on any of the two dozen tracks, customized Controller functions and customized car enhancements. The view from behind the wheel gives you a wide, truly realistic view, probably the best of any racing game. Simply put, it's fun driving! International F-1 fans won't have any trouble recognizing the name, Nigel Mansell, but for many American race fans, he is a relative newcomer. This game will go a long way toward correcting that when it appears late this summer.



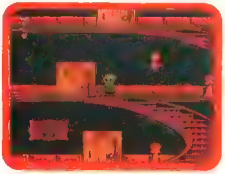
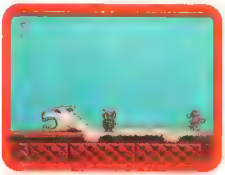
DUNGEON MASTER

JVC

This RPG has been in the works for a long time, but a final version has finally appeared on the Pak Watch desk and it should be in the stores this fall. Like most first-person view RPGs, control is awkward and mapping is a necessity for finding your way about the dungeon maze. With a party of four characters (fighters, magic users, ninjas and so on) that you select from a hall of dead heroes, your quest is to locate and defeat the evil Chaos.

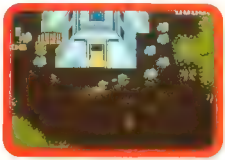
THE ADDAMS FAMILY: PUGSLEY'S SCAVENGER HUNT — OCEAN

Ocean's latest title in the Addams Family series sounds like an NES version of the recent Super NES Pugsley title. Sorry. If anything, the game is based on the original Super NES Addams Family, but instead of playing as Gomez, you are Pugsley. Aside from the confusing choice of names, however, this Pak Explorer found the finger-snapping action to be a welcome oasis of game play in the recent NES desert. Granted, the graphics don't grip you by the roots of your hair as in the Super NES game, but the play control is good and there are lots of stages and surprises. Ocean hopes to release the game this summer.

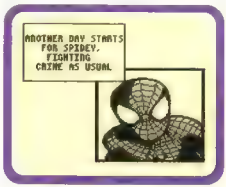
JURASSIC PARK — OCEAN

Imagine you're on an island off the coast of Central America. Over the weekend you expect a little sun, sand, maybe a stroll through the jungle. Nada. What you get is a five ton T-Rex with a taste for long pig! That's the magic behind Jurassic Park—people and dinosaurs, together, getting hungry! This summer's block buster movie release will be followed shortly by NES and Game Boy titles from Ocean. A Super NES version is also in development, but won't be released until the fall. The overhead view of the NES game promises an adventure flavor to the action, which is in keeping with the movie. You'll have to fight off velociraptors besieging the JP headquarters, escape from the T-Rex and avoid being trampled by a herd of triceratopsians. Great fun!



SPIDER MAN 3: INVASION OF THE SPIDER-SLAYERS — LJN

Later this summer you'll be able to enjoy all the comic action of Spider-Man in his third game from LJN. Look for similar play control to the first two games. Spidey can run, crouch, shoot his web, climb and cling to walls. His crime-stopping spree pits him against arch enemies Electro, the Tinkerer and the Ultimate Spider-Slayer. Spider-Man fans should check it out. Sources at Acclaim/LJN have finally revealed that Mortal Kombat will be as close to the arcade original as possible. We'll take a look next month!



PAK WATCH UPDATE

The latest from the video game grapevine is that Capcom's Street Fighter Turbo Edition arcade game is coming to the Super NES later this summer. The megapak contains 24 megabits of awesome gaming. Although your Pak Watch team hasn't scammed a copy yet, Capcom Japan has sent one on its way to Power HQ and we'll report on it first-hand in the next issue. Capcom USA reports that Turbo matches the arcade game move for move. It should be awesome!

JVC, Lucasarts Entertainment and Sculptured Software have been hard at work over the past six months on what may well be one of the hottest games of the year for the Super NES. Super Empire Strikes Back features all the action, graphics, story, sound and variety of play of last year's stunning Super Star Wars. But it also brings new effects to the game experience and 50% more ROM space in its 12 megabit configuration. Other improvements include a password for saving your progress and Mode 7 movement over 3-D, vertical terrain. Super Empire should appear in the stores early this fall. Be excited!

Nintendo of America has some classic action plus innovative new games in the lineup for the next six months. At the top of the list is the action adventure Super NES sequel to Metroid. Yes, she's back! Samus Aran will return to erase the Metroid menace in Super Metroid. Mario mania continues with a one Game Pak, 16-bit collection of classic Super Mario Bros. games that includes SMB, SMB2, SMB3 and a version of SMB that appeared only in Japan entitled The Lost Levels. The action in the three adaptations is the same as in the hit NES games, but the rich 16-bit graphics make for a new gaming experience. Other Nintendo news includes a Mario and Wario Super NES Mouse compatible game, a Super NES Superscope game (tentatively entitled Yoshi's Safari) in which you ride on Yoshi's back, Wario Land for Game Boy and a new Super

Super Empire Strikes Back

FX high-speed stunt racing game

Tradewest takes baseball into the future with its upcoming Super Baseball 2020. You may recognize the name from the arcade hit. You'll recognize the game, too. Robots and enhanced bionic human players take the field (which has been modified slightly) and battle it out for the championship. The 12 megabits of Super 2020 were used to make excellent graphics and smooth action. Look for this game by the middle to end of the summer.

Interplay's Rock & Roll Racing takes off-road vehicles into the future. From the totally rocking soundtrack to the digital voice commentary by Larry "Supermouth" Huffman—the voice of monster rally mania—Rock & Roll Racing goes flat out. Buy better buggies at higher levels and upgrade your accessories. In other news, Interplay has adapted their claymation techniques to the first comic street fighting game, Clay Fighter. Two of your faithful Pak Punchers had their doubts, but then they plugged in to some excellent action. Standard Street Fighter II sequence controls brought up the special moves in the outrageous characters. From the opera's Fat Lady to an Elvis

Super Mario All - Stars

Super Baseball 2020

Rock & Roll Racing

Clay Fighters

F1 - ROC II

Paladin's Quest

Impersonator, these clay warriors had great moves.

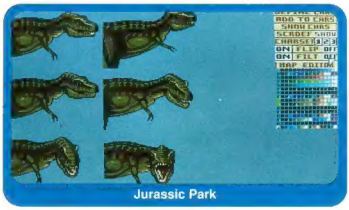
Even more racing action comes to the Super NES from Seta with F1-ROC II. Imagine an F-Zero 2, except the cars have wheels, and you've pictured this super fast racer. Seta has incorporated a special DSP microchip in the Game Pak to enhance the smoothness of the graphics at high speed. The result is excellent racing action. In other racing news, Gametek hopes the success of British racing ace, Nigel Mansell will translate into hot sales of its racing games for the Game Boy and NES.

Enix purchased the graphically stunning Lenus from Asmik, changed the name to Paladin's Quest and will be introducing the Super NES game later this fall. The game itself is standard RPG fare along the lines of Dragon Warrior or Final Fantasy, but the amazing world in which it takes place is well worth a closer look. Enix has also just begun work on King Arthur: The Knights of Justice, based on the animated series in national syndication. For the first time, Enix is using an American developer to create and program one of their games. Our Pak Watch sources at Enix don't expect the action adventure to be released until sometime in the first half of next year.

Nigel Mansell

Ocean's Jurassic Park for the Super NES won't appear in the stores until later this fall, but Ocean sent Pak Watch this exclusive shot of the game in progress. Our sources at Ocean have promised a special preview when more of the game play has been put in.

For Game Boy RPG fans, the big news is that Square Soft will be releasing Final Fantasy Legend 3 this fall. The game promises to be as large and involving as the previous two games in the series. Other news of note comes from Gametek, which is working on the PC hit, Spectre, and a new game based on the legend of Tarzan. Sunsoft is adapting World Heroes for the Super NES. Konami's Monsters has been renamed, Zombies Ate My Neighbors. And on a final racing note, Accolade has picked up the license for the classic cartoon series, Speed Racer. More Pak Facts later.



Jurassic Park

FUTURE GAMES FOR THE SUPER NES

Name	Approximate Release
Aero The Acrobat	Summer '93
Alien³	Summer '93
Aliens Vs. Predator	Summer '93
Bubsy	Summer '93
Bugs Bunny Animator	Fall '93
Dracula	Fall '93
Duck Dodgers In The 24th½ Century	Fall '93
Dungeon Master	Summer '93
Family Dog	Summer '93
Final Fight II	Summer '93
Jurassic Park	Fall '93
Lord of the Rings	Summer '93
Mortal Kombat	Fall '93
MVP Football	Summer '93
Obitus	Fall '93
Plok	Fall '93
P.T.O.	Summer '93
Railroad Tycoon	Fall '93
Rock & Roll Racing	Summer '93
Rocky & Bullwinkle	Summer '93
Rocky Rodent	Fall '93
Run Saber	Summer '93
SimAnt	Summer '93
Star Trek: The Next Generation	Fall '93
Street Fighter Turbo	Fall '93
Superman	Fall '93
Super Mario All-Stars	Summer '93
Super Baseball 2020	Summer '93
Super Slap Shot	Summer '93
Super Turrican	Summer '93
T2: Judgment Day	Summer '93
Taz-Mania	Summer '93
Trodd1ers	Summer '93
Tuff E Nuff	Summer '93
Utopia	Summer '93
Zombies Ate My Neighbors	Summer '93

GAME BOY

Final Fantasy Legend 3	Fall '93
Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade	Summer '93
Jurassic Park	Summer '93
Legend of Zod	Summer '93
The Legend of Zelda—Link's Awakening	Summer '93
Nigel Mansell's Racing	Summer '93
Speedy Gonzalez	Summer '93
Spider-Man 3	Summer '93
Star Trek: The Next Generation	Summer '93
WWF Royal Rumble	Summer '93

NES

Addams Family: Pugsley's Scavenger Hunt	Summer '93
Bubble Bobble Part II	Summer '93
Jurassic Park	Summer '93
Might Final Fight	Summer '93
Nigel Mansell's Racing	Summer '93
Wayne's World	Summer '93

NEXT ISSUE

COMING NEXT MONTH IN VOLUME 50

Here it comes! We're going to hit our 50th issue on the fifth anniversary of Nintendo Power. Be sure to check out our big celebration in next month's issue. Don't miss it.

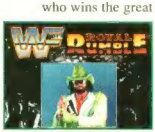
BUBSY

CLAWS ENCOUNTERS OF THE FURRED KIND

Bubsy is a wild and crazy bobcat that has a thing for yarn. Catching yarn in all the wrong places can get a curious feline in trouble. Check out all the crazy fun in this fast action game from Accolade.

W.W.F. ROYAL RUMBLE

All the big wrestling action, with all the big wrestling stars! It's survival of the fittest in the ring as all the combatants rush to see who wins the great Royal Rumble.



THE LEGEND OF ZELDA

LINK'S AWAKENING

Link's adventures have finally made the trip to Game Boy. Next month's review of The Legend of Zelda: Link's Awakening will contain all the tips you need to master this great new quest!

THE ADDAMS FAMILY

PUGSLEY'S SCAVENGER HUNT

They're creepy and they're kooky, and they're back! The Addams Family returns to the NES next month in Pugsley's Scavenger Hunt. Be prepared for all the spooky fun you can handle!

BACK ISSUES

These Nintendo Power issues are available individually. Add them to your collection! They contain these exciting reviews:

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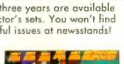

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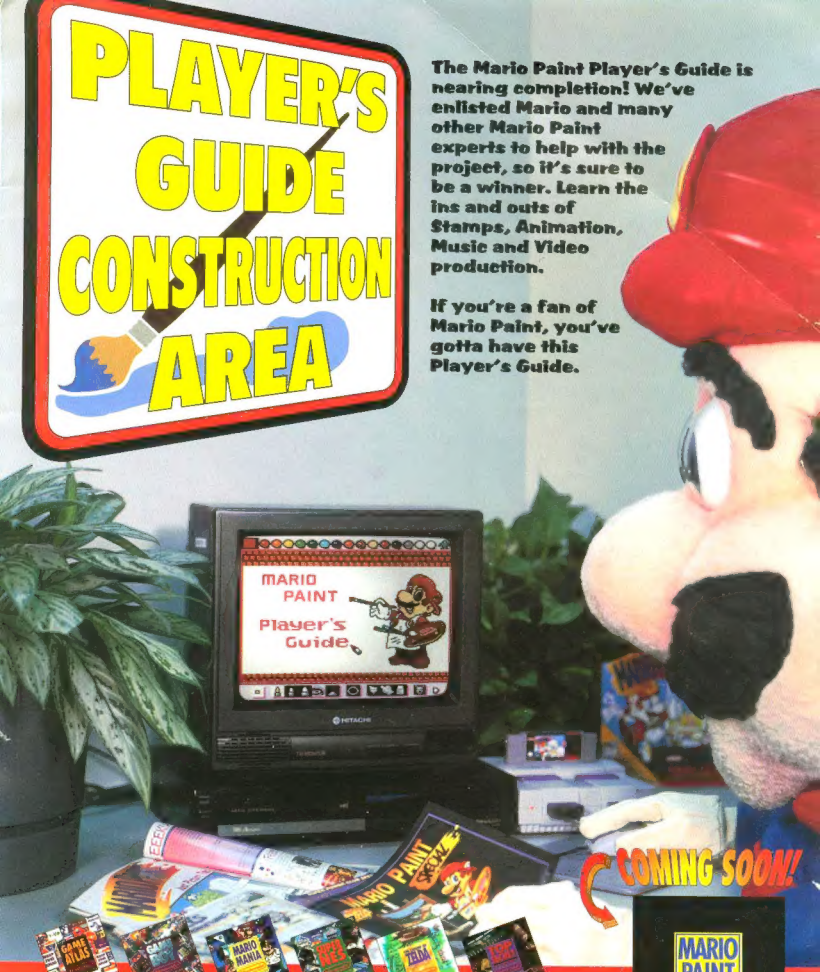

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